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## Flip-Flopping Roadblocks Passage...

# Mayor's Salary Again Delayed By Council

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

A proposed salary of \$50,000 for Agawam's first mayor was defeated by a 7-1 vote Monday night, and a reconsideration vote on the same issue went down as well with seven votes. Two-thirds of the 11-member council, or eight votes are necessary to set the mayor's salary.

On the first vote, Council Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller cast the only dissenting vote, but switched to a yes vote when the issue was voted on a second time. However, Councilor Benjamin Lockhart switched his yes vote the first time to a no vote on the reconsideration, causing the issue to fail.

The issue will again appear on Town Council's agenda at its Tuesday, January 3rd meeting.

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Town Council on Monday was expected to okay a salary ordinance establishing the pay scale of the town's first elected mayor. In a motion by Councilor Paul Fieldstad, a strong mayoral advocate, councilors were asked for their suggestions regarding the mayor's salary. There were no serious objections initially voiced by any member.

With Councilor David Skolnick absent during that part of the council session, and Councilors Frederick Nardi and Christopher Johnson abstaining from the vote (both are mayor candidates), all but Mrs. Fuller

okayed the \$50,000 figure, leaving it one vote shy of two-thirds (eight votes).

In question to Mrs. Fuller about her opposition, she replied vehemently, "I am a strong advocate of the manager form of government. If I hadn't voted no, I would have abstained."

Following this unexpected defeat, the council recessed briefly and upon return, a reconsideration vote was called for. Mrs. Fuller then okayed the \$50,000 annual pay rate but another unexpected twist occurred - Lockhart switched his vote to a no.

Again, both Nardi and Johnson abstained and the measure could only muster seven of the eight necessary votes.

Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke said that any member of the council who was a mayor candidate could vote for the mayor's salary as long as that vote was taken prior to the February 14th deadline for filing nomination papers.

Locke said, "Councilors who have announced their candidacy, who are considering running for mayor, or who have immediate family members who are candidates, may participate and vote in the matter of establishing a salary for mayor provided that the vote is taken before the nomination deadline."

Locke's legal opinion also included information received from the State Ethics Commission.

In proposing the \$50,000 salary, Fieldstad said he felt "it was a fair figure" and "is consistent with what other top executives of the town (i.e. police chief, fire chief, etc.) receive."

"These people are all being paid salaries in the high forties," Fieldstad said. "The job calls for at least that much."

It was also noted that Town Manager Linda Mundo, who will step down as Agawam's chief executive officer when the mayor takes office on May 3rd, is being paid a salary of \$45,000.

Councilor Edward A. Caba recommended a salary figure \$1 higher than that of the highest paid town executive, a move which was not acted on by fellow councilors.

When the subject of benefits for the mayor was raised, Lockhart asked for specifics to be defined along with the mayor's salary.

The rest of the council, however, seem content with leaving the issue of benefits for future amendments to a salary order that failed in the first place.

When he was suspended from office on September 6th, former Town Manager Reid S. Charles received an annual salary of \$52,000.

Those councilors approving the mayor's salary at \$50,000 included Council President Donald M. Rheault, Philip DeForge, John Negrucci, Edward G. Borgatti, Caba, Mrs. Fuller, and Fieldstad.

## Agawam Offers \$3.25 Million For St. Anne's

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

Agawam will offer \$3.25 million for the St. Anne's Country Club parcel on Shoemaker Lane.

Town Council Monday night voted 9-2 to authorize Town Manager Linda Mundo and the Law Department to prepare the needed documents authorized the bid, subject to receipt of a promised \$500,000 in open space grants from the Commonwealth.

Approval was also contingent to bond authorization by the council. That offer must be made in writing to the Napolitan family, owners of the site, and comes

with a December 31st, 1988 deadline.

The offer excludes three lots on South Westfield Street and the Napolitan home on Shoemaker Lane.

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Following months of controversy and a "no buy" vote by the council last summer, the purchase offer was given the okay. Councilors Paul Fieldstad and Edward A. Caba cast the dissenting votes.

The vote followed a 75-minute executive session of the council, a discussion that includes purchase op-

tions for the Agawam Country Club as well.

However, the council tabled resolutions that would authorize the town manager to execute documents for the purchase of the Agawam Country Club, and a second resolution authorizing a loan order for \$2.750 million of that property.

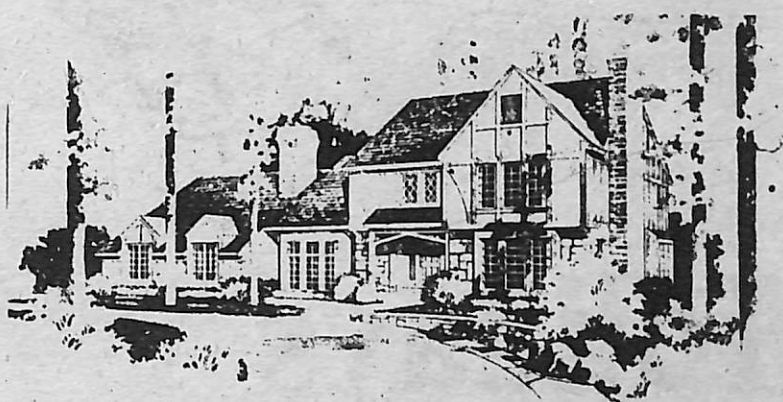
A resolution authorizing a loan order for the St. Anne's purchase was also tabled, pending affirmation of the state funds available to help the town offset the purchase price.

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for you and yours. Many thanks.*







## Editorial

# The Game Few Councilors Playing On Mayor's Salary Causing Town More Embarrassment

Without diving into a detailed explanation, the two failures by the Agawam Town Council Monday night to establish the first mayor's salary at \$50,000 per year is an outrage and a direct roadblock to better government in Agawam.

We feel the message was crystal clear on November 8th when 70 percent of townspeople voted to replace the town manager with an elected mayor. The landslide victory for an elected mayor was a combination of anger at the town manager system, past behavior of

the Town Council, and the need for the individual voter to get more input into town government.

We would think setting the salary of the mayor would be done in a professional manner, and most councilors have conducted themselves both responsibly and in the best interests of the town on this issue.

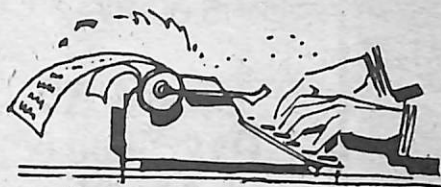
But several are pathetically grasping at straws that no longer exist and are carrying this nonsense to the council floor.

Hopefully the council will pass at least a \$50,000 salary for the mayor at its January 3rd meeting. We would think running a \$30 million-plus town budget deserves at least that.

In our January 5th edition we promise to more deeply look into and analyze this.

Until then, we will abstain from negative comment on individual councilors rather than cloud our Christmas Issue with more of their nonsense.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### Praise For Heritage Hall

#### To The Editor:

On a day recently while I, Sandra Bush, was visiting at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam, I observed a situation that touched my heart. While sitting in the solarium, conversing with Margaret Bush, my mother-in-law, I noticed that a lady was sitting in a corner of the room hugging a teddy bear. There was another lady sitting in a wheelchair next to her pleading to please let her hold the teddy bear. I observed how much the lady without the teddy bear wanted one, that I made a special trip the following day to bring a teddy bear from my home to find and give to that lady.

There was so much joy that overcame the woman when given the bear that I felt I should do more for some of the other patients in that nursing home. I talked to the head nurses and was told that most of the women had Alzheimer's disease in the particular building that we were in. Also, most of the women were 85 years of age or older and had outlived their families. The nurses and staff of Heritage Hall Nursing Home all agreed that many patients would be made very happy if they could receive a teddy bear of their own. At hearing this, I made a commitment to those people that I would get more teddy bears.

When I arrived home that day, I made telephone calls to store managers in the K-Mart at the Hampshire Mall in Hadley, the K-Mart in Holyoke, and the K-Mart in West Springfield. All three of these store managers were very understanding and cooperative. They all donated five teddy bears each which I brought to the patients in the nursing home. These three stores made a total of 15 ladies very happy and I would like to thank each manager from the bottom of my heart for the joy they gave to the senior citizens. You had to see the joy in the faces of the ladies to appreciate the happiness you brought to them.

It is now my hope that this article will be printed and that there will be an interest shown by more people to donate bears so that all of the nursing home patients described earlier in this article could receive one. Approximately 30 more teddy bears would be needed to keep all of the patients happy.

If you have teddy bears and are willing to donate them to these patients, please contact me at (413) 259-1569 and I will be very happy to pick them up and see that they are delivered. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Sandra J. Bush  
5 West Pelham Road  
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I believe we should all be wary of strangers at our door, but let's give the new realtor, Avon representative, census-taker, etc., a break! Friendliness and new contacts work for all of us, on both sides of the door. Thank-you and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,  
Debra Dettman  
Feeding Hills

### Juvenile Diabetes Hands-Out Accolades

#### To The Editor:

The Greater Springfield Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation would like to give their heartfelt thanks to all of the people who made our "Walk For Gerry" such a success. We raised over \$13,000 for diabetes research. This will bring us one step closer to a cure for our children, and everyone who suffers from this disease.

We would like to give special thanks to Ric Sardella for his great support and friendship, as well as Gerry's family and lovely wife, Phyllis. Also, Lynn Barry and Channel 22 for their news coverage. Our thanks also to McDonald's Corporation of Agawam, Agawam High School, the Agawam Police Department, and Chief of Police Stanley Chmielewski, State Representative Michael Walsh, Senator Linda Melconian, Attorney Anthony Bonavita, Carlo and Mary Bonavita, Donald Rheault, Ed Borgatti, Agawam and Feeding Hills merchants, clubs and companies for their continued support.

Thanks to our walkers and participants on that special day—we had fun! See you next year!

Sincerely,  
Joan Karam, Walk Coordinator and  
Lucille Anciello, JDF President

### Chamber Upset With New Tax Rate

#### To The Editor:

Speaking on behalf of the business community of Agawam, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce wishes to express disappointment that the Council acted so quickly in raising the business tax rates in town, without allowing any discussion or testimony from those affected. We feel that this action is beneficial for neither future development in Agawam, nor good working relations between business and local government.

Some of the facts as reported in the newspaper were misleading, and it is important to note the correct proportions of property values and taxes levied by the different classifications of property. Residential property makes up about 79 percent of the total, but will yield only 74 percent of the taxes, shifting the remainder to the business community, which will pay \$4.15 per thousand more. This affects not only larger businesses, which are perceived to be able to afford it, but also the smallest businesses in town, including the corner store, gas station and restaurant. Many of the more than 600 businesses in town are locally owned, and all employ Agawam residents, so it is inaccurate to say that townspeople are not adversely affected by this action.

Further, it is important to understand the effect on expansion and the attraction of new business to town. The shifting of the tax burden in a town where business property makes up only 20 percent of the total sends a powerful message about the attitude of local government toward business. This has proven to be a factor in business location decisions that we are aware of in our development efforts throughout the region.

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### Differs With Macey's Last Column

#### To The Editor:

I have always respected Officer Wayne Macey's articles in *The Advertiser News*, but I have to take issue with the first point he made in his article, "Consumer Headaches," December 15th, 1988. Specifically, in discussing "buyer beware" tactics of door-to-door salespeople, he wrote, "CAUTION: Reputable people or businesses will have no need to go door-to-door soliciting work." While I agree with this premise regarding certain home improvements, I disagree with the generalization to all "reputable persons and businesses."

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# ST. ANNE'S - From Page 2...

Springfield Attorneys Anthony Ravosa and Stephen Reilly made a purchase offer on St. Anne's last summer, a move that triggered the entire controversy. Because the Napolitans has taken advantage of a tax-reduction program for land used for recreation and open space, a state law gave the town first option on the property.

When Town Council failed to muster the necessary eight votes (two-thirds) to okay the purchase, Ravosa and Reilly had the door open for development of the land, which could be utilized for commercial, residential, or combined usage. The two Springfield developers later withdrew their offer to buy.

They now have made an offer to purchase the Agawam Country Club.

The Napolitans approached the council more than six weeks ago with a request for the council to act on the purchase, one way or another.

Fieldstad voiced considerable dissatisfaction with the vote, stating that Agawam should "be careful about its financial actions," especially given the financial crunch at the state level.

"If our current union contracts go through for seven

percent for the next three years, and other budget and funding cuts on the state level are made, we won't even have the money for other things the town needs, like roads and sidewalks," said Fieldstad.

Fieldstad wants the town's financial and managerial heads to meet and define the community's fiscal welfare prior to making a decision to purchase property such as St. Anne's.

Original plans for the town's purchase included the town running a municipal golf course. Open space and environmental advocates supported the purchase last summer in order to prevent development on property which was never intended for that use.

Councilors supporting the purchase included Council President Donald M. Rheault, Philip DeForge, John Negrucci, Edward G. Borgatti, Jessie D. Fuller, Frederick Nardi, Christopher Johnson, David Skolnick, and Benjamin Lockhart.

Johnson chaired the three-member council committee which was charged with assembling information on the deal. Other committee members were Negrucci and DeForge.

Former Assistant Town Attorney Richard Morassi acted for the Law Department as legal counsel to the committee.

# Police Blotter For Last Week

On December 12th, **David P. Whitney**, 1085 North Street Extension, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Landers and James Donovan.

On December 12th, **Daisey Mestre**, 220 Pearl Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and an outstanding East Longmeadow warrant. Arresting officers were Don Gallerani and Mark Pfau.

On December 14th, **Yvonne Edmonds**, 139 Maynard Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Dan Ciak.

On December 15th, **Ronald Kirkpatrick**, 64 Regency Park, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Gerry O'Keefe and Eric Lottermoser.

On December 16th, **Juan Llano**, 99 Federal Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Joe Edwards.

On December 17th, **Douglas Loftus**, 72 Searles Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Mark Poggi.

On December 17th, **Michael Jimenez**, 41 Pearl Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant William Sliech and Ronald Brown.

On December 17th, **Gary L. Battles**, 536 North Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Robert Marsh.

On December 17th, **Walter VonHollander**, 13 Charles Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Joe Edwards.

On December 18th, **Myriam Dominguez**, 21 Tracy Drive, Springfield, was arrested and charged with trespassing and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetto and Karen Langevin.

On December 18th, **Hector L. Acevedo**, 21 Tracy Drive, Springfield, was arrested and charged with trespassing and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetto and Karen Langevin.

On December 18th, **Kevin A. Giacometti**, 415 Adams Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding state police warrant. Arresting officer was Joe Edwards.

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - From Page 4

We understand the short-term political advantages for local officials in rendering a decision that appears to help the homeowner. It is a difficult fact of life that these things must be taken into consideration, and this letter should not be taken as a condemnation of anyone.

It is our hope, however, as this issue and others affecting the business community are discussed, we can work together, realistically and with mutual respect, to develop solutions that are in the best interests of the entire community. We would be happy to discuss this issue in greater detail with any interested council members.

Agawam Chamber of Commerce

# Agawam DPW Did A Great Job!

To The Editor:

December 14th, 1988 brought us our first snowfall. Along with the snow and ice that fell, slippery conditions existed. As I was on the road that morning at 4:00 a.m., I was concerned about what the roads would look like. To my surprise the roads in town were as though no snow had fallen. The plows had done a superb job, not to mention the sanders. As I left town I could not believe what a difference in the roads. Out of town the roads were half plowed and slippery.

I must say that the citizens of Agawam should be elated at the work performed by the D.P.W. Sometimes with the first snowfall, operations run into problems in that crews are not prepared to handle winter conditions. Not so with Agawam's operations. They did a fantastic job, and I for one would like to say thanks. If not for the quick and professional way they handled the storm, I would have been stuck that cold morning and not have been able to make my way to work safely. Keep up the good work. Agawam's residents are lucky.

Frank J. Andruss  
Feeding Hills

# Agawam Crime Prevention Some Reflections On Christmas Season

by Officer Wayne Macey  
Crime Prevention Bureau

As Christmas nears and the year draws to a close, my thoughts on crime prevention quite naturally take a backseat to reflections on the sights, sounds, and smells that make up the holiday season.

As with all police officers during this time of year, my hopes for the future include better communications and improved relationships through patience and understanding. The true spirit of Christmas is found when we take time to reflect on Santa Claus, mistletoe, and chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

Somewhere amidst the maze of parties and between last minute panic trips to the malls, there is a certain peace to be found. It may take a bit longer for some to discover but in the end it will be well worth the wait. Listening is an important part of securing that peace. When you ask of someone, "How are you?", try to stick around for the answer.

When someone in the car directly in front of you doesn't move quite as fast as you would like, suppress the urge to blow your horn until the battery expires. When you wish someone "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," make it sound more than obligatory.

Christmas is a time to feel deeply and experience the emotion of people coming together, caring, giving, and loving. It is in the expression of these feelings that we discover peace within ourselves and with each other.

On behalf of Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Captain Richard Light, Lieutenant Robert Campbell, and all the men of your Agawam Police Department, I wish you Merry Christmas, and health, happiness, and peace in the new year.

Deadline for our next edition, January 5th, is Tuesday, January 3rd, at noontime.



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Publicity about drinking and driving means more and more people party at home during the holidays. Groups assign a "designated driver" who does not imbibe. Party givers invite friends and family to spend the night if they've had too much to drink. The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that drinking at home poses its own set of hazards.

The holiday season is a time for festive gatherings. That often means drinks, mulled wines, or egg nogs that pack an alcoholic punch. Those holiday parties are fun, but alcohol dulls a drinker's senses, making fire hazards an even greater risk than usual. Studies have shown that more than one-third of those who die during fires had enough alcohol in their blood to be legally drunk. These people were victims of a double whammy.

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First, people under the influence of alcohol tend to be more careless and invite fire to strike. They drop cigarettes and matches into upholstered furniture, bedding and carpeting—even their own clothing—without noticing. They knock over candles and space heaters without noticing.

Second, they fall asleep—sound asleep—easily. And they are hard to wake. So they usually don't hear a sounding smoke detector or calls of "fire!" Even if they awaken, their reactions are not quick or rational enough to save themselves.

So if you're going to drink, limit yourself to one drink per hour—whether beer, wine, or hard liquor. More will make you drunk enough to start a careless fire and too drunk to save yourself if you have to.

And if any of your guests spends the night in your home, plan to help them wake up and get out if a fire should break out. A house that's just hosted a party is a high-risk place for a fire to start. Cigarettes dropped into cushions smolder unnoticed for hours—waiting for everyone to be asleep—before erupting into flames.

House parties are safer than drinking in public places because there is greater chance that drinkers will be stopped from driving by friends or family. Never let loved ones drive drunk. And if someone tells you you shouldn't drive, don't argue with them—stay or let someone else drive. Have a "designated non-drinker" even at stay-home parties. Keep this holiday season joyous.

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## Agawam EMT Cushing Receives Award



THE PIONEER VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION presented the 1988 Recognition Award to Randall Cushing of the Agawam Fire Department. The award was presented at the Annual Christmas Party December 5th. The award is presented to the EMT who has distinguished himself during the past year for outstanding contributions and excellence in EMT services in the Pioneer Valley. Presenting the award is Cheryl Peterson.

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**FEEDING HILLS LETTER CARRIER** Dianne Versace is busy on her holiday rounds earlier this week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Best Local News...



**FEEDING HILLS POSTAL EMPLOYEE** Judy Golon brings out another tray of holiday mail to a mail truck that's about to go on its appointed rounds. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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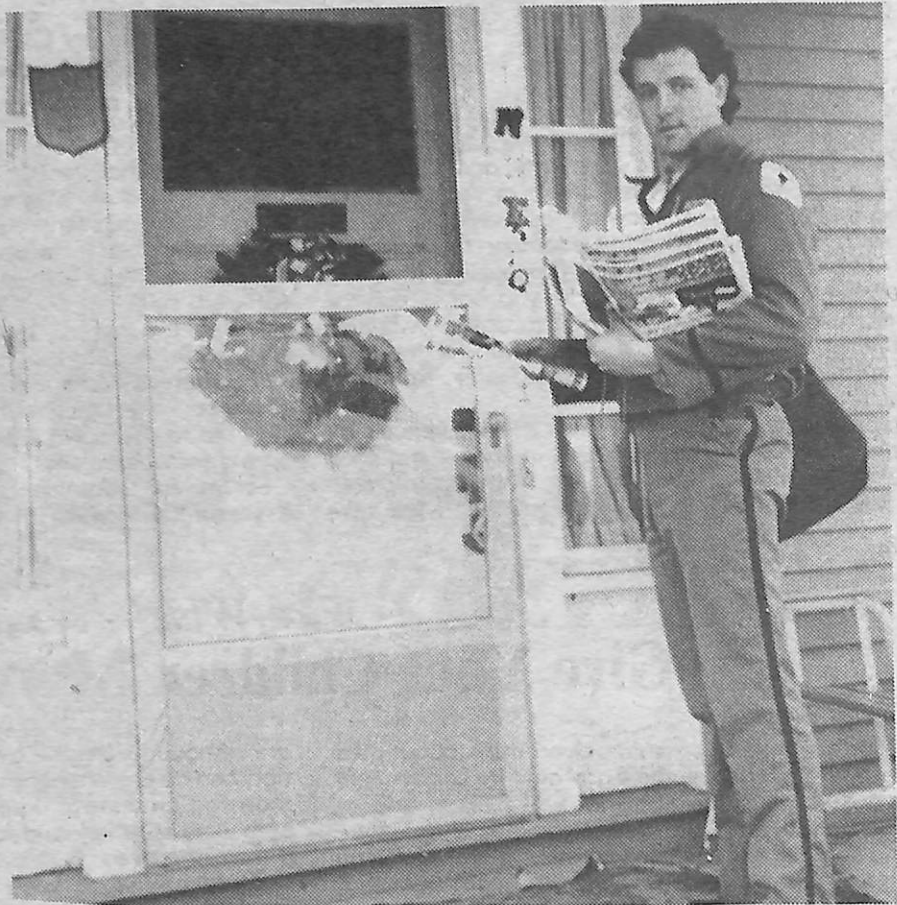
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# Agawam Post Office At Frantic Holiday Pace



**LETTER CARRIER** Paul Koretz has a stack of mail to deliver to just about every home during the holiday season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MIKE GARVEY** is all smiles when delivering his mail last week for the Agawam Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Second Tax Bill Received By Town Residents

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

The tax bills have been mailed.

For Agawam taxpayers, that means a January 19th deadline for property tax payments and something other than a "Season's Greetings" in the envelopes mailed by the Town of Agawam last week.

In fact, the projected mid-December mailing date was right on target as Data Processing Manager Frederick Messier spent last Friday printing out the bills everyone in town received Saturday or Monday. The billing is expected to net \$7 million for the town treasury, according to Town Treasurer Rudolpho Altobelli.

Altobelli said Monday that response was excellent. "People have already been waiting in lines to pay their tax bills," he said. "And response to the scholarship fund has also been good." Agawam taxpayers have

the option of contributing to a town scholarship fund by checking off the appropriate box on their tax bill and adding that contribution to the total tax amount.

"If this kind of response continues, and with the expected state quarterly disbursement of \$2.2 million on December 31st, it appears there will be no problems and no need to borrow any money for the town," Altobelli said.

Unlike the last tax bills issued by Agawam, the new bills have itemized assessed items, including yard items such as pools and garages. Questions regarding assessed values or possible errors in billing are being directed to the Town Assessor's Office, along with requests for abatements.

Forms for abatements can be picked up at the Assessor's Office in Town Hall and requests must be

filed within 30 days of billing.

The only possible glitch in the town's financial picture appears to be beyond the control of town officials. That, according to Altobelli, is a possibility that the anticipated quarterly disbursement of state funds (\$2.2 million every three months) could be changed to a semi-annual disbursement plan due to the state-level budget crisis. If such a move were enacted, it would delay the March 31st disbursement of \$2.2 million to June 31st, when \$4.4 million would be issued to the town.

"We're not sure that's going to happen," Altobelli said, but added that the subject has been discussed.

Tax payments can be made Monday through Friday at the Town Collector's Office on the ground floor of Town Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*Fire-Wise!* - by Agawam Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

## Give Your Children More Than Toys For Christmas

During this holiday season, as you think about gifts for the children you love, the Agawam Fire Department suggests some special gifts that will live on and on after the holiday is over.

Spend some special time with your children teaching them important fire safety lessons. Teach them that matches and lighters are for adults, not for children. If they find these items around the house, teach small children to give the items to an adult so they can be placed up high out of children's reach. Older children must be taught that lighters and matches are tools, not toys. They should be taught to use them properly and safely, and only when an adult is present.

**Caution older children to be careful when cooking.** Again, adult supervision is the safest way. Even microwave ovens can cause severe burns. Boiling water often bursts over the top of containers as they

are removed from the oven. Burns caused by this action can be prevented by using a container much larger than the amount of liquid, and using a long-handled utensil to stir the liquid for a moment before removing it from the oven.

**Be sure children know what to do if their clothing catches fire.** They should stop where they are, drop immediately to the ground and, folding their arms over their face to help protect it, roll back and forth to "squosh" the flames. If they run for help or toward water while their clothing burns, the flames will get worse and will cause severe—perhaps fatal—burns. At the least, the flames will cause terrible pain and lifelong scars.

**Teach children what to do if a fire starts.** Teach them to leave the house or building immediately, without stopping to find their favorite toy or to save

their pet. Make sure they know at least two ways to escape from their own home. Often a fire blocks the main route out of the house and it's hard to think of another way during the rush of an emergency.

In fact, your family should make and practice a complete home escape plan, including two ways out from each room and a specified meeting place outside so you know everyone is safe.

**And while you're buying holiday gifts,** why not buy a new smoke detector for your home? If you have one already—probably near the bedrooms—add one near the entrance from the basement or garage. If you have wired-in detectors, a battery-operated detector will provide back-up protection if the power goes out. And how about one of the new, tiny smoke detectors that look like a Christmas tree ornament? What a perfect "open before Christmas" gift for anyone you love!

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### Vanessa Brown Engaged To Jeffrey Touchette

Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Brown, to Jeffrey Touchette, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Touchette of Agawam.

Miss Brown is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is a financial technician at Bank of New England West.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School, and is part-owner of Jeff Allen's Restaurant, Agawam.

A June wedding is planned.

### Laughing Brook Offering Quality Bird Seed Sale

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, Hampden, is sponsoring a sale of high quality, reasonably priced bird seed. All seed must be pre-ordered by Saturday, January 14th, and picked-up at Laughing Brook on Saturday, January 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Order forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the Sanctuary.

Laughing Brook offers a Birdseed Sale each January to help people continue to feed birds through the late spring, when natural food supplies again become plentiful. Several types of high quality seed are available, including a special Audubon Mix containing sunflower seeds, cracked corn, white millet, and peanut hearts.

Massachusetts Audubon seed customers have the added satisfaction that the proceeds from the sale help support the programs and general operations of the 159 acre wildlife sanctuary. A variety of feeders and books on birdfeeding are available at Laughing Brook's Audubon Shop.

For more information, or to request a birdseed order form, call (413) 566-8034.

## Remembering Poor Kids At Christmas

by Arthur Smith

Employee of Valley Community Day Care

*Christmas day is almost here. Time for reflection, time for cheer.*

*How about the children who go without. What do they have to be cheerful about?*

*Torn and tattered clothes to wear, no one around who really loves and cares. You think not but the difference I know. No smile on their faces no afterglow.*

*Today it's so hard just being a child, most of them so meek and mild. They all seem to be in a sad, sad mood. Tears in their eyes, no love, no food.*

*No Santa Claus, to really brighten the day, a lot of them have no place to stay. Then there is the rich with presents galore, but not any compassion to share with the poor.*

*Year after year it stays the same. No one admits just who is to blame. You say Merry Christmas, with heart so pure, but to hold and hug you're really not sure.*

*God made us all to inhabit the earth, each of us strive to show our worth.*

*He gave his life, that we too may share, but there are some of us who just don't care.*

*So come Christmas Eve, and a time to reflect. Try to be loving to all, do not neglect.*

*The less fortunate children, who try as they may. Will not find happiness and joy this day.*

### Nocturnal Adoration Society To Conduct Blessed Sacrament

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Pine Street, West Springfield, to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, January 6th from 9:00 p.m. thru Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m., January 7th.

Father John T. Cain opens the event with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament.

Members recite both evening and morning prayers, private and public, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m.

Assisting Father Cain are William E. Sullivan, chairman of St. Thomas membership, and Mario J. DeLucchi, the group leader.

Membership is open to all Catholic men, women, and boys and girls.

The Adoration Society's purpose is to provide a human response to Christ's very human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony; and to make its members witnesses of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Prospective members may contact Father Cain, Sullivan, and all members.

The all night vigil is open to all who wish to participate and spend an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed.

## Calendar Of Events Golden Age Club

**January 4th: Chapter 2**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

**January 6th: Chapter 1**—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

**January 6th: Chapter 2**—Special Board Meeting.

**January 11th: Chapter 1**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with slides of Hawaii by Walter Balboni.

**January 18th: Chapter 2**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with guest speaker William Girotti describing his oil lamp collection.

**January 25th: Chapter 1**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

## Covenant Community Church To Present Live Nativity Scene

The Covenant Community Church, 112 Amostown Road, West Springfield, will present a Live Nativity Scene with animals on Thursday, December 22nd, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, December 23rd, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, December 24th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Special Christmas music will also be heard. Refreshments will be served.

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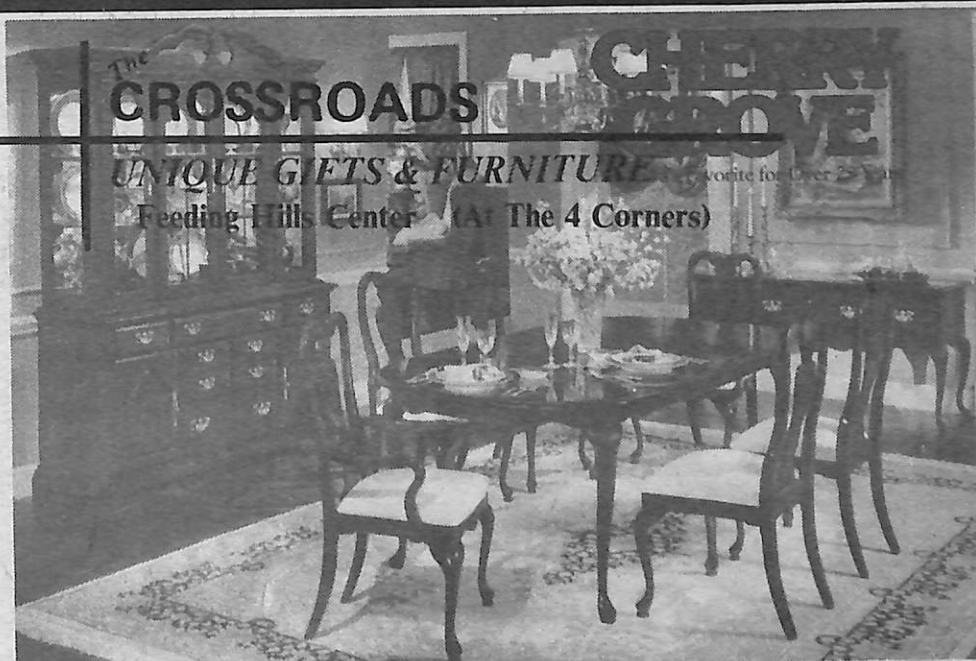


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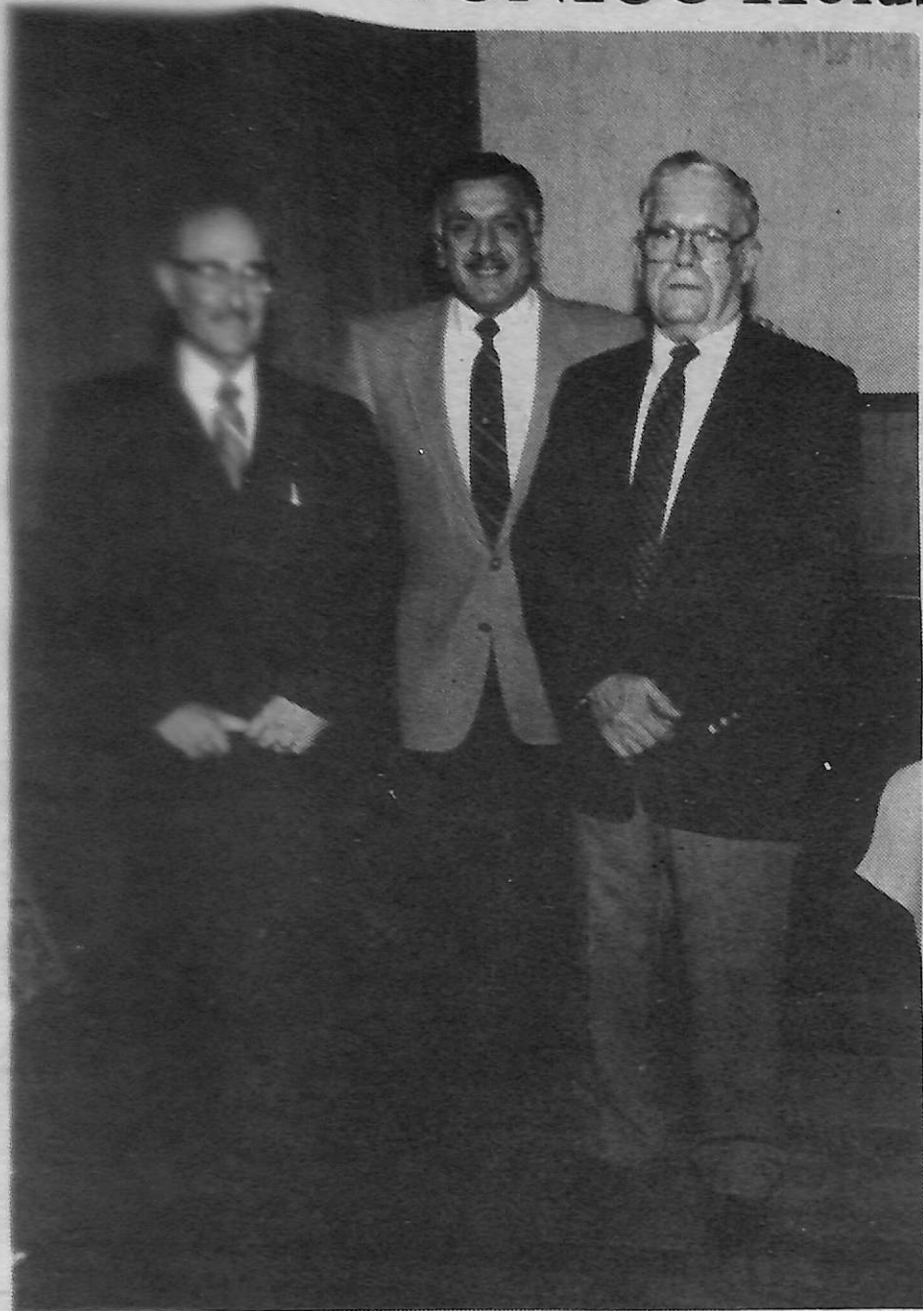
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# Agawam UNICO Holds Annual Christmas Party



SERVING AS CO-CHAIRMEN of this year's Agawam UNICO Christmas Party were Frank Paradiso (left) and Louis Scherpa (right). Also pictured is club President Richard Forni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THIS YEAR'S AGAWAM UNICO vice-president is Edward Anderson. He is pictured at the club's Annual Christmas Party with his wife, Judy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**6:00 P.M.** Revival Rally

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# Agawam Obituaries

## Vincent L. Petrangelo

Vincent L. Petrangelo, 65, of 96 Royal Lane, Agawam, died in his home.

He was former president and owner of the former Petrangelo, Inc., an Agawam construction firm that he operated from 1960 to 1980. He was also associated with Vincent Trucking Company.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam; a member of Local 1 Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Union; and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Forest Park Post 7352. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, a machinist's mate serving on the USS Broome, USS Beaver, and USS Orestes.

Born in West Springfield, he was a 30-year resident of Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Aurelia "Rita" Mischitelli; two sons, Frank and Leonard, both of Agawam; two daughters, Philomina Basile of Springfield, and Antoinette Lambert of Hampden; a brother, Francis of West Springfield; a sister, Jennie Christopher of Agawam, and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan Auchter Renal Fund, c/o Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

## Horace A. Marotte

Horace A. Marotte, 98, of 1849 Opal Court, Santa Maria, California, and formerly of Agawam, a retired 40-year employee of Strathmore Paper Company, Westfield, died on December 11th, 1988, in California. He retired in 1947.

Born in West Springfield, he lived in the West Springfield and Agawam areas most of his life. He was a member of the Strathmore 25-Year Club, the Agawam Special Police, the Agawam Senior Citizens, and the Senior Citizens Bowling Club. He was also a member of the Golden Agers and the Community Club, both in Agawam, and the Valley Boating and Fishing Club and the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans, Inc. His wife, Edith Marotte, died in 1968.

He leaves a daughter, Irene Sulborski; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held in California, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield was in charge.

## James E. Saliba

James E. Saliba, 61, of 1 Doane Avenue, Agawam, a retired machinist, died in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Barre, Vermont, he was a 27-year resident of Agawam. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Rogers; a son, James E. of Agawam; five daughters, Pam Hanechak of Feeding Hills, Kathy Whalley of Southwick, Robin Saliba and Lori Saliba, both of Agawam, and Deborah Edgley of Radcliffe, Kentucky; two brothers, Ronald of Springfield, and Daniel of Los Angeles, California; two sisters, Norma Saliba and Patricia Cayia, both of Barre, Vermont, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, and in the church, with burial in Center Cemetery, Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made to Heart Association of Western Massachusetts, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

## Philip Fini

Philip Fini, 77, of Feeding Hills, the founder of Fini & Son Garden Market, died at home.

The business operated farms in West Springfield and Agawam, and also expanded to include Fini's Plant Farm in Feeding Hills. He retired in 1977.

Born in Bologna, Italy, he lived in Agawam for more than 50 years. He was a founder, charter member and director of the Polish-American Club of Agawam. He was also a communicant of St. Anthony's Church, and a member of St. Anthony Society, the Victor Emmanuel Society, and the Springfield Co-op Farmers Market. His wife, the former Antoinette "Edna" Taudal, died in 1986.

He leaves a son, Albert P. of East Longmeadow; a daughter, Jennifer Fini of Worcester; a brother, William P. of West Springfield, and four grandchildren.

He was also the brother of the late Reverend Gilbert Fini, superior general of the Stigmatine Fathers.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scholarship Fund, Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

## Mary Stanwell

Mary (Kerr) Stanwell, 86, of 38 Wilson Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, she lived in Chicopee before moving to Agawam 20 years ago. She was a member of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves her husband of 66 years, Arthur E. Stanwell; two daughters, Margaret E. Giguere of Agawam and Martha M. Seriva of Feeding Hills; a brother, Herbert of Springfield; a sister, Christine Gamble of Chicopee; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and a great-great granddaughter.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Corridan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

## Arthur J. Plourde

Arthur J. Plourde, 72, of 41 Ley Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center. He was a former textile worker for Arrow Elastic Company, retiring in 1978.

Born in Easthampton, he moved to Springfield in 1945, and to Agawam in 1980. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Nancy Buiso; a sister, Irene Cistin of Florida.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Agawam Chapels, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

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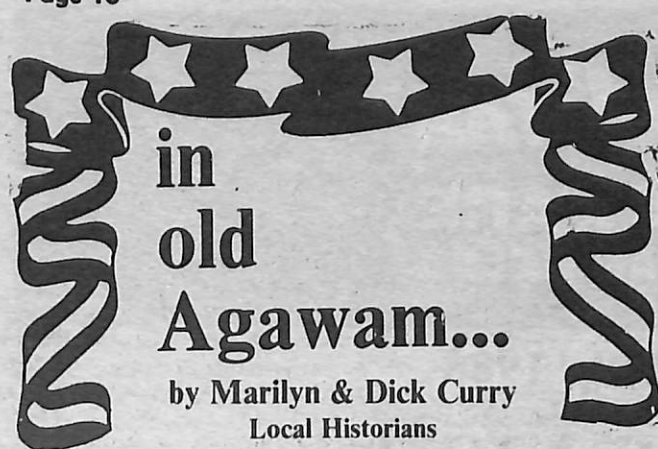
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## The Agawam Gin Legend & Lore Lives On & On...

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Last week local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry finished their three-part series on the Old Agawam Gin Mill. We received the following letter from a former resident who wishes to remain anonymous. We found the following article to be very enjoyable reading and we hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

There's a lot more to the story on the Old Agawam Gin Mill. For some time after the cider mill business went out, they made potato chips there for some time also. I believe they were bagged and sold as "Agawam Potato Chips."

As a very young boy on a bicycle, we kids always managed to stop and the owner of the potato chip company would let us eat all we wanted of broken potato chips found in a big box, and were they salty. The same went for the cider mill owner. There was always a tap running with cider in its season, and a common mug hung on a nail to use.

At that time, the old gray wooden schoolhouse was at the point where Aztec Motors is now (corner of Main Street and River Road). That Old Agawam Gin was, I guess, the only 100 proof yellow gin in the U.S.A.

The second time I saw that yellow gin was when the Gowdy Distilling Company tried to duplicate the original. It was yellow and I saw it in bottles. I believe it failed because it was said they didn't have the money for the original formula to buy from the Davis or Porter family.

I heard the secret is still somewhere yet.

Later, one of the original buildings was used to manufacture the Fish Carburetor. That company never really got off of the ground either because of litigation, etc. I met and knew Mr. Fish in the 1940's.

As a young lad of 13, I was told about hauling the grain to make the gin by Arthur Channel of River Road. He'd take a team of horses and wagon out to the Feeding Hills section, to the old Feeding Hills Railroad Depot and unload grain from boxcars to haul back to the gin mill.

Harold Channel is still living and could verify this possibly better, as he still lives in town and they named a street after him (off River Road).

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The finished gin was then hauled by Mr. Channel to the old Union Depot on Lyman Street in Springfield for dispersal throughout the country.

The Currys mentioned a curing barn in their first original article (in the triangle that now exists in the same locale).

Again as a youngster, I got to know two brothers

who I won't name. They did own a big farm on River Road which may be the Hampden County farm buildings and field.

The brothers were old then when I was told of some of their deeds. They would leave their farm and go to the river bank of the Connecticut River and load 10 quart cream cans and 40 quart milk cans into their boat.

They'd row down the river at night and tie up the boat. This was in the area of the Riviera Apartments. It seems they told me of a warehouse upon stilts or pilings or posts, two to three feet off of the ground.

They would sneak up the banking and under the warehouse with their milk containers and take pot-luck where they drilled with an auger up through the wooden floor. They would make many a hole until they hit pay dirt—a full cask of yellow gin.

They would then let the liquid pour out of the drilled hole until all the milk cans were filled, or until the casks went dry. Then they'd row up the river and store it in their barn under the hay.

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As a young lad, I remember Harvey Porter Jr. coming up Main Street from the South End of town (as we called it). He would be seen (by us) coming up near St. John's Church on a dirt path.

He was a kindly old gent whom all of us would grab his hand and sometimes walk with him to the Center Library or the old A.H. Phillips grocery store. Sometimes, he got his hair cut in Tisdell's Barber Shop or said hello to Warren Bodurtha who owned the gas station where the Bank of New England is now.

Of course, we were always hoping he'd give us a quarter. That was equivalent to \$2 today. He usually did. He was brother to Minerva Davis who gave the Center Library and the Captain Charles Leonard house for use of the townspeople. She was widow to the publisher of the years' ago school paper "Current Events" (a must for 50 cents a school year).

So, you see the Davis and Harvey Porter family was well-known to us 60 years ago. Sometime make a study on the Mawaga Club pond, and the reason for the dam. The brook that powered and furnished water to make the old gin, and where did the leftover water go. It ended in the river, but where?



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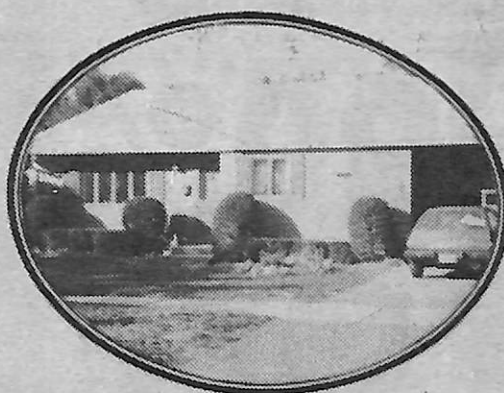
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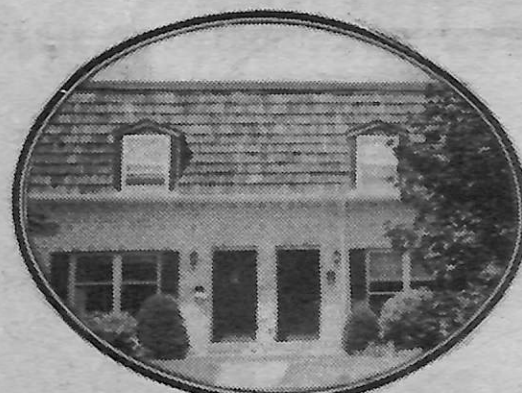
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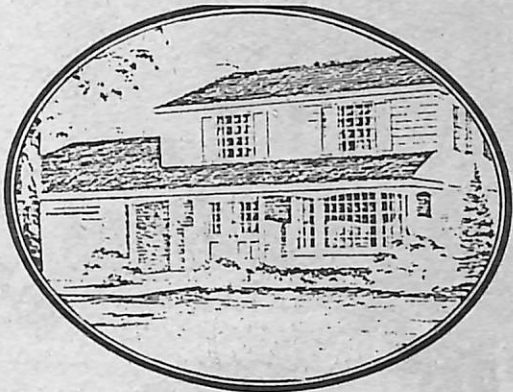
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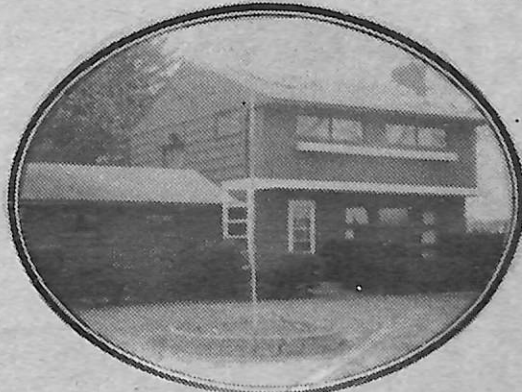
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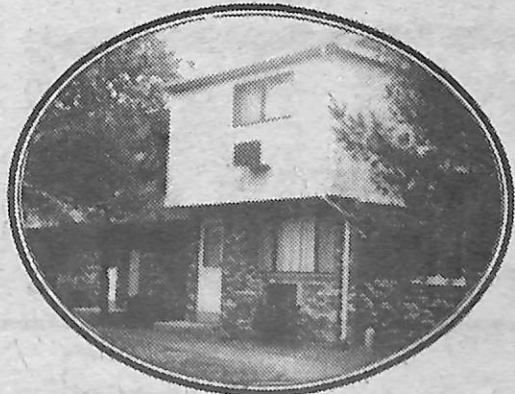
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## grandma's old kitchen



### Cranberry Cream Spread

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese plus
- 1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 (16 ounce) can whole cranberry sauce
- ¼ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel

Beat softened cream cheese in small mixer bowl until fluffy. Beat in remaining ingredients. Chill, covered, 1 to 2 hours to allow flavors to blend. Serve with seasonal fruits, pound cake, or nut bread. Yield: 2 cups.

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### Chicken Liver Pate

Creamy and smooth with a special little hint of curry. Reserve some of the cooking liquid until you are sure that the mixture isn't too thin. It will thicken as it cools. Simmer 5 minutes:

- 1 pound chicken livers
- 1 small onion
- 2 sprigs parsley
- celery leaves
- ½ cup chicken stock

Empty into blender while still hot and Add:

- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon curry powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry

Cover and blend. Remove cover and add, chunk by chunk, ½ cup butter or margarine. Stop to stir down if necessary. Pour into crock or serving container, or turn into mold or dish lined with plastic film wrap; chill until

firm and turn out onto serving platter, garnish with parsley. Serve with rye crisp, melba toast, or whole wheat crackers. Makes 1 pint.

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### Mini Turnovers

These little turnovers can be made ahead and frozen.

- 1 envelope Lipton Onion Soup Mix
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach cooked and drained well.
- 2 cups (16 ounce) ricotta or creamed cottage cheese
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 3 packages (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 375°.

In a large bowl, combine onion soup mix, eggs, spinach, and cheeses. Separate crescent rolls according to package directions; cut each triangle in half and flatten slightly. Place 1 tablespoon of mixture on center of each triangle; fold over and seal edges tightly with fork. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes or until golden. Makes 48 turnovers.

#### Freezing/Reheating Directions:

Freeze cooled turnovers, tightly wrapped in heavy-duty foil. To reheat, unwrap and bake as above for 8 minutes or until heated through.

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### Walnut Stuffed Mushrooms

Mushroom lovers will ask for this recipe. There are many variations of fillings for stuffed mushrooms. The stems are used as part of the filling.

- 1 pound (12 large) fresh mushrooms
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ¼ cup minced onion
- ½ cup soft bread crumbs
- ½ chopped walnuts
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1/16 teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Rinse, pat dry and remove stems from mushroom. Chop stems (makes about 1 cup); reserve caps. In large skillet, melt butter. Brush outside of caps with some of the butter. Place stem side up in a lightly greased baking pan. Add onion and chopped mushroom stems to remaining butter in skillet; saute for 10 minutes. Add breadcrumbs, walnuts, parsley, salt, and pepper; mix well. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of stuffing into each mushroom cap. Bake for about 20 minutes.

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### Tangy Fresh Fruit Fondue

- 2 containers (8 ounces each) vanilla flavored yogurt
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Grated peel of 1 orange

- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Sunkist navel orange/tangerine segments, apple slices, banana chunks, grapes, etc.

Combine yogurt, honey, orange peel, cinnamon, and nutmeg in large bowl. Chill to blend flavors. To eat, use fondue forks and dip fruit into chilled mixture. Makes about 2 cups.

**Lemon variation:** Substitute grated peel of 1 lemon for orange peel.

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### Christmas Stencil Cookie

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2½ cups flour
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Red and green sugar crystals
- Red cinnamon candies
- Semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line cookie sheet with Reynolds Wrap. Cream butter until soft. Gradually add sugar; beat until fluffy. Gradually add flour; stir until combined. Stir in milk and vanilla. Turn dough out on floured surface; knead briefly until smooth. Measure ½ cup dough; place in center top half of foil-lined cookie sheet. Roll into 6-inch diameter circle. Make another cookie on bottom half of cookie sheet. Decorate cookies using a foil stencil pattern. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until edges brown slightly. Let cool 10 minutes and remove to wire rack. Makes 5 cookies.

#### To Make Foil Stencils:

Cut 6-inch diameter circle of Heavy Duty Reynolds Wrap. Cut a snowflake or repeating pattern design out of foil circle or trace a child's hand on foil and cut out. Lightly press foil stencil on cookie; sprinkle with sugar crystals. Remove stencil. Decorate cookie with cinnamon candies and chocolate morsels. Repeat with remaining cookies.

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## Middle School Singers Entertain Elderly.



THE FIFTH GRADE CHORUS of the Agawam Middle School entertained at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Heritage Hall Nursing Home News & Notes

### Classical Guitar Concert!

Residents of Heritage Hall were recently entertained by Kenneth Langdon and his talents on the guitar. The delightful sound of Christmas Carols added to everyone's holiday spirit as several residents joined in a sing-a-long.

But the special treat of the afternoon was listening to Ken play the "Spanish Fandango," "Spanish Dance," "Pezzo Tedesco," "Ballet," "Laura's Theme," and all-time favorite hymns like "Whispering Hope."

Taking a break from the musical aspect, Ken told residents a fairy tale with a twist. Everyone has heard the tale more times than can be counted, but this time everyone listening really enjoyed the story.

The main characters of the story were

**Eindercella (Cinderella)**

**Pandsom Hrince (Handsome Prince)**

**Mairy Fod Gother (Fairy God Mother)**

The story had a happy ending after Eindercella and the Pandsom Hrince met at the Bancy Fall!

Residents would like to extend a thank-you to Ken for sharing his time and talents with them.

### Christmas Open House

Christmas Open House is one of the times during the year when residents invite their family and friends to come and join them in entertainment, food, and enjoyment.

On Sunday, West Building held their Annual Open House, where families came and enjoyed themselves in an "at home" atmosphere. Eggnog, punch, and hor-d'oeuvres as well as cheese and crackers was served by Mrs. Purcelli's Christmas costumed girls.

As Santa Claus (Steve Tesney) made his rounds throughout the building, it was very heartwarming to see the delighted faces of the residents as they accepted their gifts and shook Santa's hand.

Vera Conway, always a delight at the keyboard, and Bonnie Tesney, a talented organist, had residents and guests joining in Christmas carols.

As the party ended, everyone agreed that this had to be one of our best "Open Houses."

### Heritage Hall Donates Painting

On Monday, December 12th, resident Gladys Latourneau and Oil Painting Instructor Ted Crowley presented the Captain Charles Leonard House Board of

Trustees with a framed 16 X 20 oil painting of the historical building. Mrs. Latourneau is very active in Crowley's Oil Painting program at the nursing home.

Together they have painted many historical paintings for various surrounding communities.

She has presented the town of Indian Orchard with paintings of the Indian Leap Hotel and of the St. Aloysius Church. She has also presented the Agawam Public Library with a painting of the Davis Library on Main Street.

Mrs. Latourneau, who has always maintained an active lifestyle, feels that this is her way of continuing to contribute to the community. She also feels that the paintings can help our youth to learn about the history of their cities and towns.

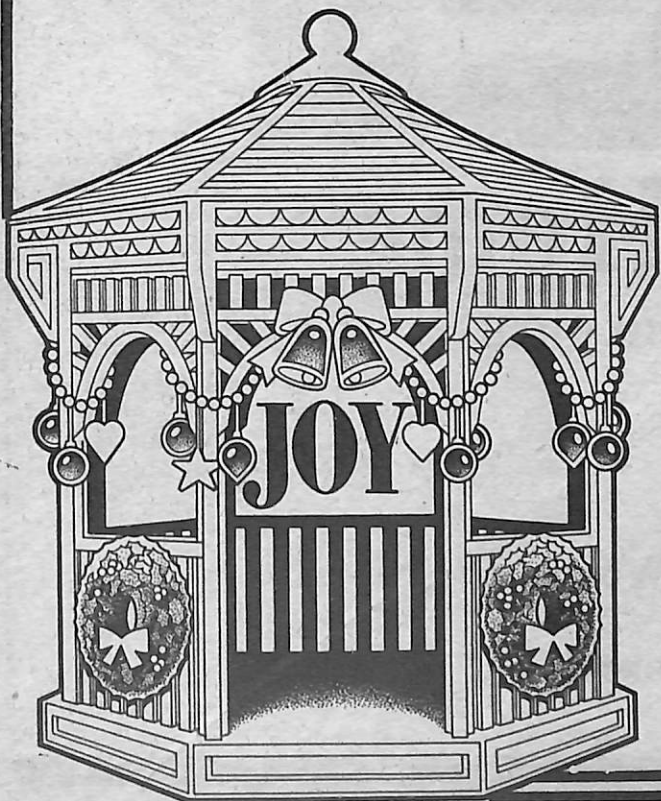
On had to receive the Captain Charles Leonard House painting were the Board of Trustee members, Dick Brindle, Ernest Swanson, Elizabeth Pond, Dorothy Martin, Shirley Goss, and Esther Reynolds. The members expressed heartfelt gratitude to Ted and Gladys for their contribution and look forward to exhibiting the painting at the Captain Charles Leonard House for all to see.

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## Annual Christmas Party Held By Police Dept.



ENJOYING LAST WEEKEND'S Christmas Party sponsored by the Agawam Police Department are youngsters, back row, from left - Kristin Chmielewski, Lisa Collins, Sean Collins, Christine Campbell, Mathew Niles, and Jamie Lewis. Front row - Jamie Camforfordono, and Shayne Conlon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A CLOWN ENTERTAINS at the Annual Christmas Party for kids of the Agawam Police Department. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Holiday Stress Can Hurt Children

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) reminds you this is a high stress time for families. In the rush of shopping, wrapping and holiday happenings, are you considering your children?

Some tips for easing holiday stress:

- Secure adequate child care.
- Make time for young children to share their day.
- Examine all toys for safety.

•Minimize the commercialism of gift-giving. Competition for toys heightens a child's anxiety.

- Don't leave children alone in cars, even briefly!
- Maintain household routines, as children need schedules.

- Teach children not to open doors to strangers.
- Require the "buddy system"—holding another's hand in crowded stores and malls.

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# Christmas Eve Program Slated For Sacred Heart



THE SACRED HEART CHURCH "I Am Special" Program will present a "Living Creche" on Christmas Eve. Back row - Mary (Melody Serafino), Joseph (Adam Escobar), 3 Kings (Brandon Farrington, Nicholas Brown, and Gregory Mantolesky), Shepherds (Patrick Hayes, Edward Farrell, Scott Drenzek, Christopher Polek, Daniel Quirk, and David Haire. Middle row of Angels, from left - Casey Fennyery, Kristin Mantolesky, Kathleen Waters, Marcie Coogan, Laurie Chmielewski, Amanda Brown, Jamie Wilson, Meghan Young, Michele Gendron. Front row, from left - Sebastian Verelst, Chad Farrington, Donald Hare, Michael Pickett, Paul Hayes, William Cochran, Daniel Renna, Christopher Hall, Nicole Margiotta, Craig Jendza, Michael Lalli, and Jodie Pfau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Watkins Have Baby Girl - Kelsi

John R. Watkins and Kathleen McCormack-Watkins of Agawam are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Kelsi Lauren Watkins.

Kelsi arrived on November 28th, at 10:52 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Her happy grandparents are Frederick D. & Mary E. McCormack of Agawam, F. Lindsley Watkins of Sunland, California, and I. Lee & Dixie L. Spates of Ventura, California.

## AARP Sets Meeting

The Forest Park Chapter of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold their next meeting Thursday, January 5th, 1989, at 1:15 p.m., at Trinity Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Social hour is at 12:45 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Miriam Silverman who will present informative tips for senior citizens. All members and friends are invited to attend.



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## Polish, Italian Customs Of Christmas Have Many Counterparts

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

One of the loveliest and most traditional of Christmas celebrations is the family-oriented Wigilia, a Christmas Eve celebration and a centuries' old Polish tradition.

The Wigilia begins with the appearance of the first star of the evening.

In the dining room a table laid over with a thin bed of straw is covered with cloth, representing the manger. Places are set—including one for the Christ child, and tradition says that the numbers of diners seated at the table be even. The number of dishes served at the meal are odd.

As the meal commences, Oplatek, an unleavened wafer or bread (now stamped with Nativity scenes) is broken and passed around the table. As each diner breaks of a piece, he/she kisses the next person as the wafer is passed.

In keeping with tradition, only meatless courses are served to observe a day of fast. Drawing from traditional and historic Xmas Eve menus, those dishes could include mushrooms in sour creme, carp, wheat puddings, pike in horseradish sauce, noodles with poppy seeds, beans, plums, sauerkraut, and a compote made of 12 stewed fruits.

Beverages include coffee, milk, and of course, vodka.

As the meal ends, usually after two or more hours, the host blesses the family and friends as they rise to open their gifts. Often, especially in smaller communities and parishes, the evening includes a visit from the family's pastor or parish priest.

The Wigilia service includes all the children of the family and closest friends, and comes to a close at midnight, as all go to Pasterka (the Shepherd's Mass) together.

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Felice Navidad! Joyeux Noel! Gud Jul! Buon Natale! In any language, the feelings are the same. Merry Christmas!

And around the world the bearer of gifts is virtually the same. Granted there are a few minor variables—in Belgium and the Netherlands, for example, **Pere Nicholas** is accompanied by "Black Peter" (the one responsible for putting coal in the stockings of bad



**ON NORTH STREET** in Feeding Hills, these figures represent the universal peace during the Christmas Season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

boys and girls) and those visits begin around the 5th of December.

In Sweden, it's the "Christmas elf" who spirits into the house with goodies, while Russian children await a visit from "Babouschka," an old grandmotherly woman of great kindness (Mrs. Claus perhaps?).

"Babouschka," as the legend goes, was too busy to help the kids find the Christ child on that first Christmas, and now seeks out children everywhere as she leaves gifts for them in atonement.

And then there's Germany's "Kris Kringle," who looks considerably more like the Santa Claus American children know and love. And England's "Father Christmas." "Pere Noel" delights French youngsters with his annual visit via the chimney.

As for the gifts these universal Santas bring, French children are favored with beautiful dolls—porcelain faces and skillfully fashioned robes and dresses, flaxen curls under lace-trimmed caps.

Mexican children have Christmas pinatas filled with small toys and candies. Swedish children have small figurines of Christmas elves called the Jultomten. Bavarian children are partial to marzipan candies, wooden toys often with mechanical movement and music boxes, and of course, nutcrackers.

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In Italy, everyone celebrates St. Lucia's Day December 13th by building huge bonfires in her honor and marching in candlelight processions in the evening.

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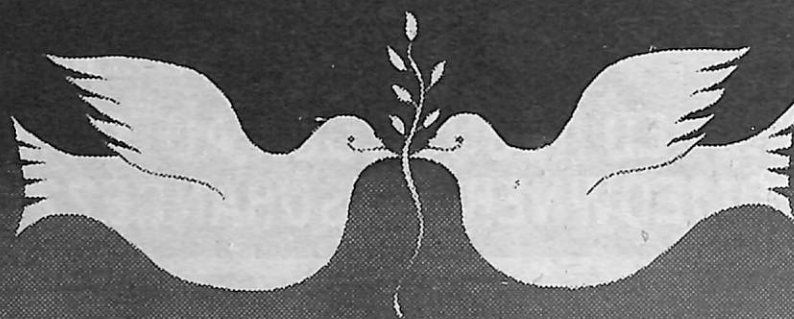
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## FROM THE PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan  
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## The Good News For Us In On Christmas Day

Radio newscaster Paul Harvey tells the story of a man who refused to accept the biblical account of Christmas because he couldn't see why God would ever want to come down to earth. And so he steadfastly refused to join in the Christmas festivities and was particularly adamant about staying away from church.

On Christmas Day his family invited him to the church service, but he declined the invitation, preferring to stay home. Suddenly, he heard a crash against his picture window and looked out to see a small flock of birds on the ground. Apparently they had flown against the glass in an attempt to find shelter from the frigid air outside. The man went out and tried to get the birds into his barn where they could find some warmth. He whistled at them, then he tried to drive them in; he even tried coaxing them in with reassuring words. But they were only frightened of him.

He finally gave up, thinking, "if only I could become one of them for just a minute, then I could lead them in to..." Just then he heard the church bells ringing. And just then this skeptic knew why God became one of us, and he believed.

May each one of us come to believe that "the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, full of grace and truth," that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

May we share this Good News with everyone around us, skeptics included.

### CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS - From Page 21...

In fact, the first creche was set up in Italy by St. Francis of Assisi. That creche was filled with live animals, and the Holy Family and the shepherds and kings were garbed in beautiful robes to reenact the Christmas miracle.

From that earliest of celebrations, the tradition of the Christmas creche evolved, spreading throughout Europe. French children were given the honor of determining where the Creche will be placed in the home. Irish children place candles in the windows to guide the child on his way.

From stories of Norse legends of a Sun Festival and celebrations of the winter solstice, to the words of gospels and religious teachings, Christmas has come to mean love and giving around the world. It's a celebration for children, by today's standards, but then...isn't there a bit of child in everyone?

## Christmas Traditions Began Centuries Ago In Folklore, Legend

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

A long time ago, garlands of fresh greens were believed to lure friendly woodland sprites into one's home, bringing with them good cheer and good luck.

Today's garlands of balsam, laurel, or holly are draped over fireplace mantles and curled around bannisters, but the meaning - beyond simple beauty - is a message of welcome and happiness.

And most of the scents and seasonings we take for granted each Christmas have stories and meanings traceable for centuries throughout our past.

Holly brings luck along with high spirits; its many bright berries are a symbol of cheer. For men, it also is a sign of good luck. Ivy is a symbol of merrymaking, of festivity and for women, good fortune, a counterpart of holly for men. Laurel was first used to honor the Christ child, hence its holiday connotations.

Lovers look for mistletoe for good reason—it is the symbol of love and romance, and also a symbol of peace.

Rosemary, a delicate herb, is a symbol of friendship. But it's also part of a legend. The tale unfolds that Mary had spread the Christ child's clothing over a bush to dry. And the clothes dried, the bush began to bloom, bearing flowers as blue as Mary's robes, and leaves as fragrant as perfume (rosemary). Now used as seasonings, as scent in potpourri, and in decorating.

Even the lovely rose has a part in yuletide myth and legend. For it seems a shepherd girl who had no gift for the child saw an angel hovering before her. As the angel touched the ground with his staff, roses burst in bloom. The shepherd girl gathered them up and gave them to the child.

Even the tradition of Christmas trees are traceable for 2,000 years. Legend says that on the first Christmas winter trees bloomed as if it were spring. And stern Protestant reformist Martin Luther lit candles on a fir tree to show his son how the stars looked on that first Christmas Eve.

And folklore tells of a wandering child taken in by a forrester, tucked into a warm bed and fed. In the morning, the child was seen to be Jesus. Before the child left the forrester's home, he placed a twig in the ground, promising that a tall tree would forever grow there, bringing plenty to friends and family.

From that point emerge the evergreens, forever filled with color. And the traditions of decorating the trees with fruits and flowers. Candles symbolizing brightness and joy, hearts and fruit-filled cornucopias for happiness and giving, candy canes representative of the shepherd's staff, and stars, for, of course, the Star of Bethlehem.

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## News & Activities At Agawam Senior Center

**December 22nd, Thursday:** 12:00 noon, a special Christmas Menu and entertainment.

**December 23rd, Friday:** Center closes at 12:00 noon. There will be a 10:00 a.m. brunch.

**December 24th, Saturday:** Christmas Eve. No Bingo.

**December 26th, Monday:** Center will be closed.

**December 27th, Tuesday:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. legal consultations with Attorney Teryl Jansens, by appointment.

**December 31st, Saturday:** New Year's Eve. No Bingo.

**January 2nd, Monday:** Center will be closed.

### TRIP

Coachlight Dinner Theatre matinee, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," featuring "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend," a classic song that everyone knows. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, January 26th. The price is now \$28. Reservations will close on December 29th. We strongly suggest that if you are thinking about signing-up please do not hesitate. Coachlight requires that all reservations be paid in full four weeks prior, and we are running out of time to make a financial commitment. There are too many

vacant seats for a full bus at the moment and a good possibility of cancelling the trip on December 30th. Please help us keep the Senior Center trips going.

### CLASSES

Classes are now on a holiday break until Tuesday, January 3rd. This first semester will continue until and including the last week of January. The second semester registrations will be held on February 1st and 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars so that you won't miss out. All students from the first semester must register again if you are continuing your classes. The second semester will begin on Monday, February 6th.

### NEW CLASS

A new class will be available at the Senior Center beginning on Tuesday, January 10th, under the direction of Virginia Alexander. She will be teaching "Creative Writing." She is a retired English teacher, and we feel very fortunate to have found her. If you are interested in writing, this class can open new avenues for you. You can come in anytime for this new class to register.

**From "Friends Of The Agawam Senior Center"**

"Friends" would like to announce the new

Board of Directors and officers for 1989: **President, Lillian Doyle; Vice President, Hazel French; Secretary, Laura Dugan; Treasurer, Don McCave; Assistant Treasurer, Grace Letendre;** and members of the Board, **Helen Blanchard, Sandra Smith, Viola Smith, and ex-officio, Jim Griffen.**

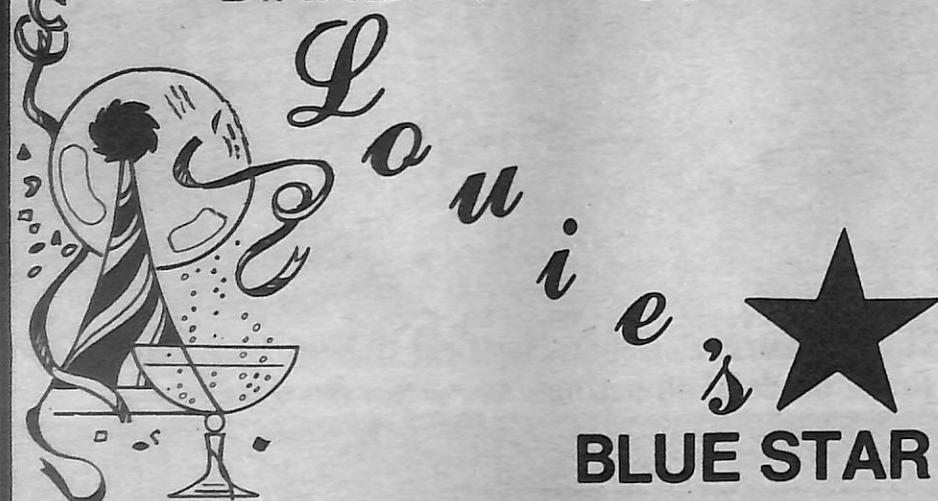
"Friends" would like to welcome more 1989 members: **Caroline DeMaio, Beatrice DeSpirit, Frances Dugan, Anna Eddy, Margaret Emery, Peg Fancy, Lillian Fisher, Gladys Francazio, Jessie Fuller, Lillian Fisher, Mary Gannuscio, Wanda Godzina, Emile Grenier, Marion Haubenreiser, Renee Jury.**

"Friends" was organized as a fundraising, independent, not-for-profit organization with its own board of directors, operating in support of Agawam's growing senior population to provide services and benefits above and beyond those included in the town budget.

"Friends" membership is open to all Agawam residents regardless of age. Membership money, fundraisers and donations help "Friends" achieve their purpose of "helping seniors of Agawam," and encourage your support. Membership applications are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth or through a member of the Board of Directors.

**WE DO NOT PUBLISH** between Christmas & New Year's. Our next edition will be Thursday, January 5th. Deadline is Tuesday, January 3rd. We will be holding limited office hours next week, mostly in the morning.

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## Spotlight On Business...

### Grace, Elegance Of Federal Hill Club True Agawam Gem

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

It's a stately building resting in gracious splendor at the top of a hill, beautifully landscaped and impeccably maintained.

It's the **Federal Hill Club**, an exclusive establishment catering to the discriminating clients who want the best - and know where to find it. And what might be surprising to most Agawam residents is that an evening out at the **Federal Hill Club** for that special occasion or for a delightful dinner is very affordable.

Located at 135 Cooper Street since 1936, it's both easy to find and yet tucked away on a wooded hillside - almost another world.

And that's what you find as you enter the doors of the **Federal Hill Club**. Another world.

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Enjoy a glass of fine chablis in the lounge, and you'll find yourself listening to owner "Vava" Moretti poetically recite the evening menu for your relaxed consideration.

Along with her sister, Diamma Rossi, they extemporize on the unusual and always elegant entrees - entrees which could include everything from veal, filet mignon, seafood specialties, linguine or fettucini (it seems sacrilegious to use the word 'pasta' here), duck, lamb, or thick steaks.

A diner with a question on how a particular dish is prepared will be enchanted by the mouthwatering description that follows - the only thing better than savoring the description is savoring the meal.

Appetizers are equally and unusually elegant - a marinated eggplant is delicious; the calamari, exotic. And that's only two.

For dessert, if it were possible to have a multiple course meal of dessert, dessert, dessert, and dessert, this is where to indulge in such fantasy. The lemon pie with Kiwi fruit is a summer delight even in winter; a variety of mousse are lightly tempting.

The desserts are baked with the personal touch of Diamma.

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Part of the fantasy of the **Federal Hill Club** is its maitre d', Bobby Hartfield, a gracious gentleman who is attentive to whoever dines at the club.

From the extensive wine cellars, he'll assist you with your choice of fine wines (at the same time anticipating your every need).

Hartfield has been with the **Federal Hill Club** for most of the past 24 years and knows his customers as well as he knows the business and pleasure of fine dining.

The dining rooms are groomed in quietly elegant linens, classic draped windows, and comfortably spaced tables that allow intimate conversations.

Whether it's a business dinner, a special anniversary, or just a relaxing night of dining, there's a table waiting here for you. A first visit to the club some time ago saw dinner accompanied by the soft strains of jazz by Ed Cervený's combo; music to listen to, converse over, or dance cheek-to-cheek by.

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Banquet facilities are also available, and though lunches are not the norm here, arrangements can be made to accommodate groups during the day.

Open Tuesday through Saturday from 4:40 p.m. through late evening, the club is always open to the public and reservations are strongly suggested (789-1267). Proper attire, of course, is required.

In the grand elegance of a bygone era, the **Federal Hill Club** welcomes town residents for a most memorable evening.

### St. Johnsbury Trucking Announces Tom Lightcap To President's Team

On December 8th, St. Johnsbury Trucking Company honored Tom Lightcap at corporate headquarters in Holliston, Massachusetts, for his contribution to St. Johnsbury.

Tom, a 14-year veteran, is the shop foreman in the West Springfield terminal, and resides in Feeding Hills.

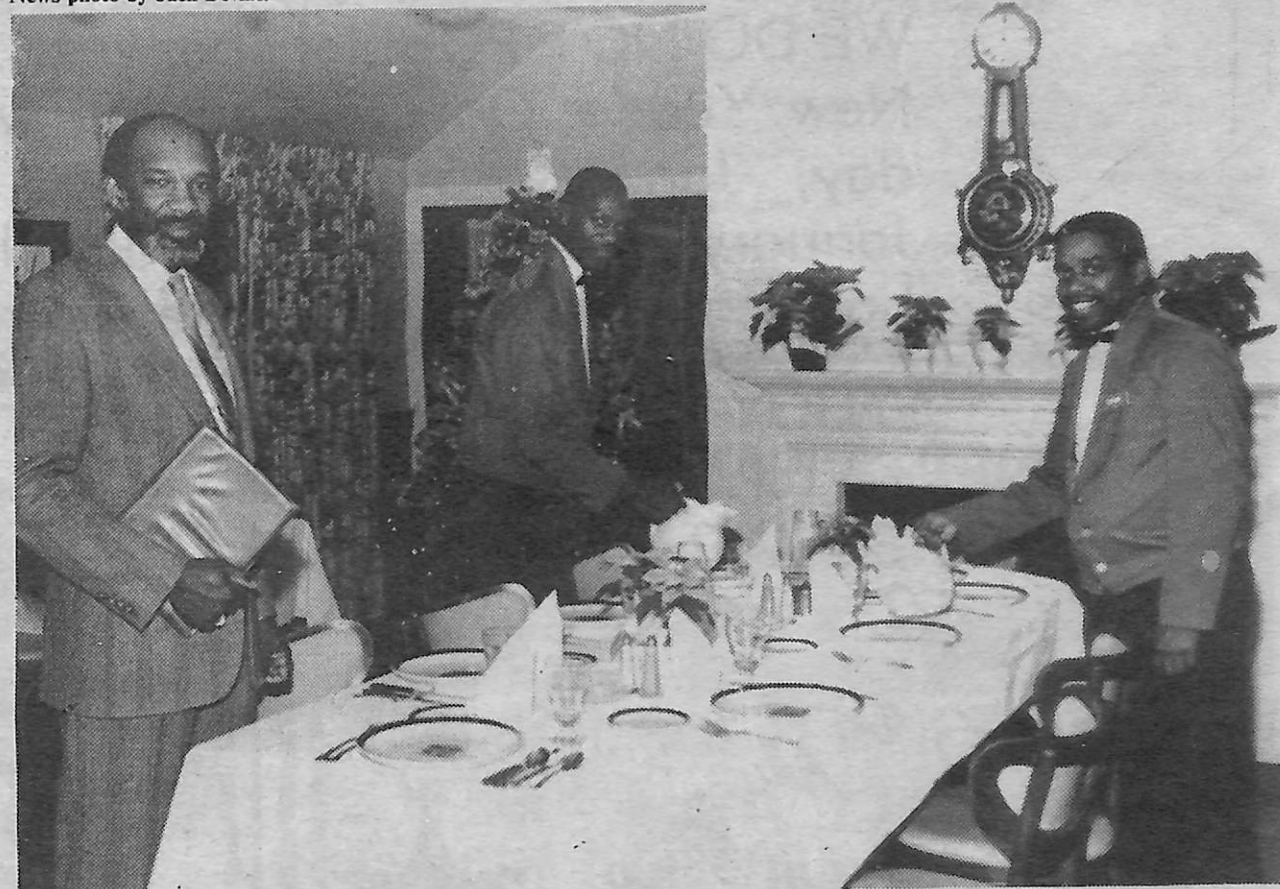
Lightcap's dedication and commitment to maintaining West Springfield's equipment and his enthusiasm for his job led to his selection to the President's Team.

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**THE FEDERAL HILL CLUB** is located at 136 Copper Street, Agawam. Advertiser

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**FEDERAL HILL CLUB** maitre d' Bobby Hartfield (left) is very careful about details and catering to the needs of all patrons. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



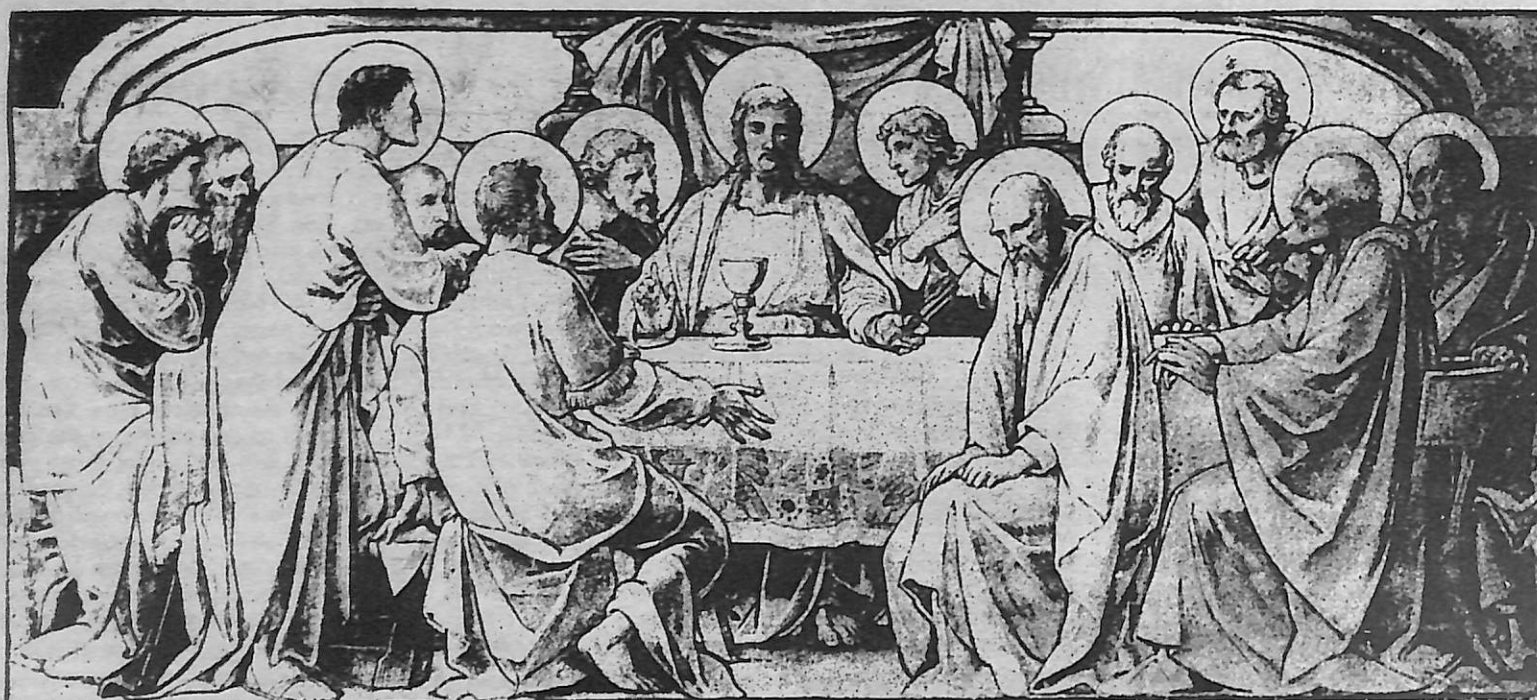
**THE MAIN DINING ROOM** of the Federal Hill Club - gracious and elegant. Make a reservation for a truly memorable evening. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Staff Of Federal Hill Club Has That Special Touch



**FEDERAL HILL CLUB** maitre d' Bobby Hartfield is very proud of the club's wine cellar.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**DIAMMA ROSSI** is about to put another sheet of cookies into the oven at the Federal Hill Club. Mrs. Rossi's desserts are a true delight.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**VAVA MORETTI** puts the finishing touches on the Christmas tree at the Federal Hill Club. Mrs. Moretti recites the evening's menu to patrons. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Action Report

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce reports there are many things happening in Agawam at this time. Some of the events our various committees are sponsoring:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Chairman Patrick Carley has already had one seminar to help small businesses with financial assistance. Harry Webb of the Small Business Administration and Russell Denver of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce presented very useful information. Look for the upcoming seminars in the near future!

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:** Mark Haymes has been working hard to stay abreast of the legislature. Of particular interest now is the balancing of the state budget.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Pat Hebert announced that Agawam has gained 40 new members from the telethon efforts. Welcome all new members!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Agawam Art Supplies, 610 Springfield Street, Feeding

Hills; Commands Systems, 609 College Highway, Southwick; Dave's Truck Repair, 170 North West Street, Feeding Hills; Deluxe Limousines Service, 68 Jennie Circle, Agawam; Done To A Turn, 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills; Ed & Sons Remodeling, 101 Sylvan Lane, Feeding Hills; Feeding Hills Animal Hospital, 1194 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills; Jensen Painting Company, 39 Valentine Terrace, Agawam.

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### PVTA Announces New Bus Route To Agawam!

Thanks to the efforts of the Agawam Chamber people there will be a trial three-month PVTA bus route from Harrison Avenue, Springfield, to Agawam's Industrial Park. The route will include travelling down Memorial Avenue to Main Street, Agawam, then to Elm Street, up Elm Street to the Industrial Park. The route started Monday, December 12th. It will arrive at the Industrial Park at 6:50 a.m., and there will be two buses departing the Park.



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## Charest Company Is Earning Reputation For More Than Just Siding

What began 22 years ago as a one-man business operating out of his mother's Chevy has developed into one of the area's best known vinyl siding firms - **Charest Company Inc. Home Improvements**, owned and operated by Feeding Hills resident Larry Charest.

While working on a home on Chestnut Lane last week, Charest, a 1964 graduate of Agawam High School, laughed when he remembers using his mother's car (with a rack on the top) as his mobile unit to conduct siding repairs as a subcontractor.

"I remember having no tool boxes and no equipment at that time," says the likeable Charest. "All I had were my two hands and a good work ethic. I made my first tool box out of plywood. It didn't look too good but it got the job done."

And the job has been done with gusto by Charest, who went into business for himself in 1968. Since then, Charest's business has expanded to a full crew, including the capable expertise of 17-year employee Doug Smith, along with all of the state-of-the-art equipment necessary to efficiently complete the job.

When asked if he thought such success would come his way as a young man starting on his own back then, he quickly smiled and stated, "I couldn't even imagine owning my own home back then, never mind succeeding in business. I just tried to do my best and always work hard to please my customers."

While **Charest Company Home Improvements** has a well-known reputation for quality vinyl siding, Charest is becoming busier and busier with a wide array of exterior home improvements that are sometimes overshadowed by the great demand on his time for vinyl siding.

**Charest Company Home Improvements** began installing replacement vinyl windows about seven years ago. "We'll replace any window that will go into a house, custom-made to any size. I could see seven years ago that there was a future in this. People wouldn't believe how much heat is lost, or in the summer, how much hot air is allowed in their home because of bad windows that are poorly insulated," notes Charest.

But that's not all. **Charest Company Home Improvements** also installs wood windows, bow and bay windows, steel doors (custom-made, stained glass is no problem), decks, glass sliders, and insulation. "If it has to do with the exterior of your home, we are involved with it," said Charest.

Of course, the cornerstone of Charest's business over the years is his vinyl siding trade. And over the years, many homes have donned the familiar Charest logo sign on their front lawns to advertise that fact.

Charest learned the trade from a veteran sider after graduating from Agawam High School. "There's one thing I was taught early on - 'If you do good work, you'll always have work'. I've tried very hard to abide by this since day one," Charest says with pride.

He adds, "I really love what I do. I want to do good work and I take great pride in it. I think we have built up a large pool of happy customers over the years and these people are our best advertisements going."

Charest says he could see the "writing on the wall" about 15 years ago that vinyl siding would one-day replace aluminum siding, and he geared his business to this reality.

"There's another old saying I've lived by - 'Vinyl is Final,' and following it certainly has not hurt me," Charest laughs.

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THE LOGO OF CHAREST COMPANY Inc. Home Improvements is a well-known one, as is owner and operator Larry Charest. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO LEFT, Larry Charest displays a bow window recently installed by his company; and in photo right, Larry measures a shutter for a siding job he's currently completing on Chestnut Lane. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Gino's Package Store Has Given Town Over 26 Years Of Service

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

For 26 years **Gino's Package Store** has offered the best of service and a fine selection of wines, liquors, and beers to its many patrons.

Owner and operator Gino Rossi, one of the true civic giants in this community over the years, strives to keep his outlet "small, friendly, and competitive."

Gino has succeeded in all three as the steady stream of returning customers indicates.

"We're a neighborhood store that has grown over the years," says Gino. "We know our customers and they know us. The friendships we have made over the years has really helped our business. We just try to cater to our customers."

Assisted by his son, store manager Raymond Rossi, this moderately-sized store has an excellent stock of popular wines, including the White Zinfandels that are this year's popular wine choice.

**Gino's Package Store** also sells the complete line of Massachusetts State Lottery tickets, and boasts the first legitimate "Second Chance Drawing" on Megabucks and other Lottery tickets. **Gino's "Second Chance Lottery"** has been going strong for three years, with the next drawing scheduled for Saturday, December 31st (New Year's Eve).

"Second Chance" contenders get one free chance for every five losing tickets they turn in. The prizes awarded since its inception three years ago have ranged from a trip for two to Disney World, dinner for two at the elegant Federal Hill Club on Copper Street, VCR's, TV's, and stereo units."

Drawings for the "Second Chance" are held approximately every six weeks, according to Gino.

The store stocks snack items galore, from Dorito's to potato chips, along with an ample line of soda, wine coolers, and mixers, as well as cigarettes.

And holiday gift sets are available with choices from wine "samplers" to cordials. There's plenty of champagne and asti spumante, too, for those who wish to usher in the holidays with "bubbly."

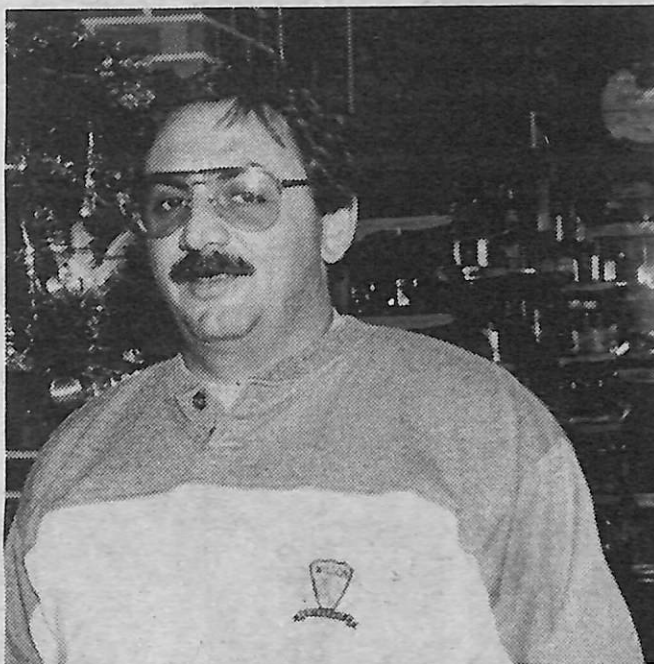
Gino has been active in a variety of civic organizations over the years, including the Agawam UNICO Club, which he has supported since the club organized in the early 1960's. St. John's Church as well as other civic organizations have benefitted from Gino's time and generosity over the years. Gino has also sponsored youth baseball teams and men's slo-pitch softball teams.

The Agawam resident told us, "I always felt that this community was good to me. I try to put something back into the town. I think it's the responsibility of any business to try to better the town."

**Gino's Package Store** is open daily, Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.



**GINO'S PACKAGE STORE** is located on Walnut Street Extension, next to the Elbow Lounge. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**RAY ROSSI** manages **Gino's Package Store**.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### CHAREST COMPANY - From Page 27...

He was also quick to credit his wife, the former Linda Parzych, for his business successes. "Linda was always there for me. She always offered as much support as I needed. She even keeps my books, which is a huge worry off my mind. Without her I don't think it would have been possible."

Charest has two children, Eric, 13, a student at the Agawam Junior High School, and Stefanie, 6, a first grader at Robinson Park Elementary School.

**Charest Company Home Improvements Inc.** offers a special discount for senior citizens, as well as special rates for those homeowners who may be seeking a combination job of vinyl siding, replacement windows, and doors, or other combinations of exterior work conducted by the firm.

"I've been fortunate to have so much of my work here in Agawam. Agawam is a very special place to me and I treat it in a very special way when conducting my business. It's been the support of the residents of this town who have allowed my business to succeed and expand since day one," concluded Charest.

**Charest Company Home Improvements Inc.** can be reached by calling 786-8666.

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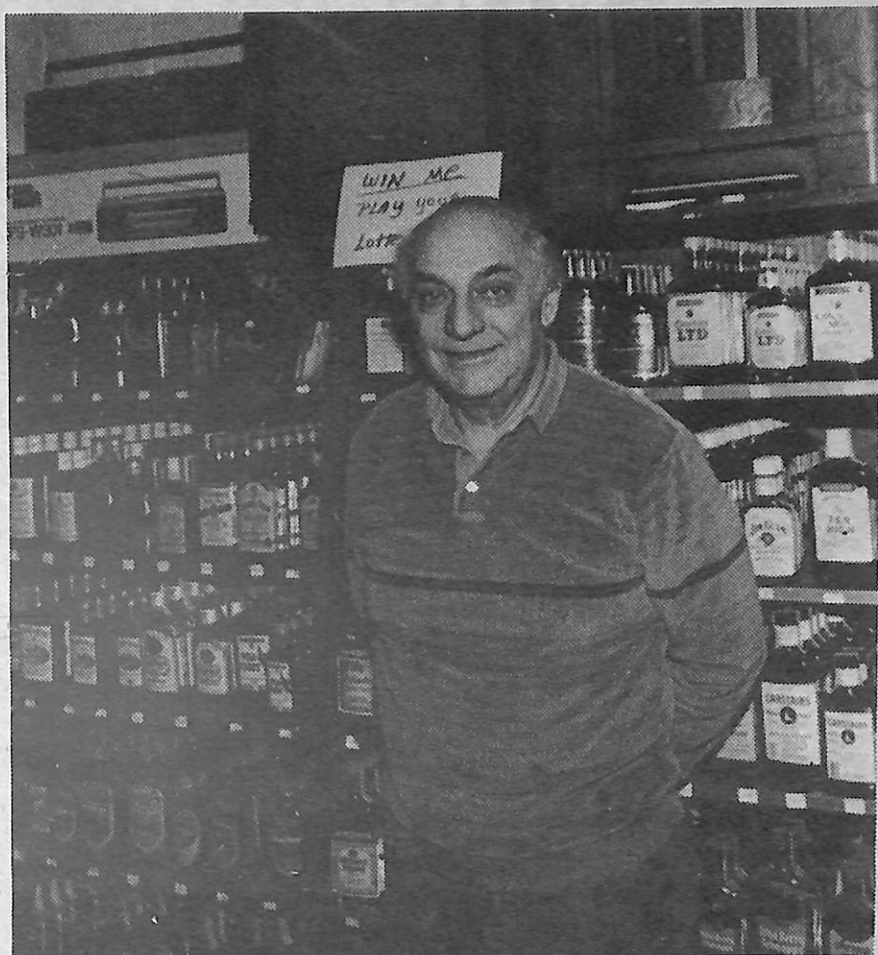
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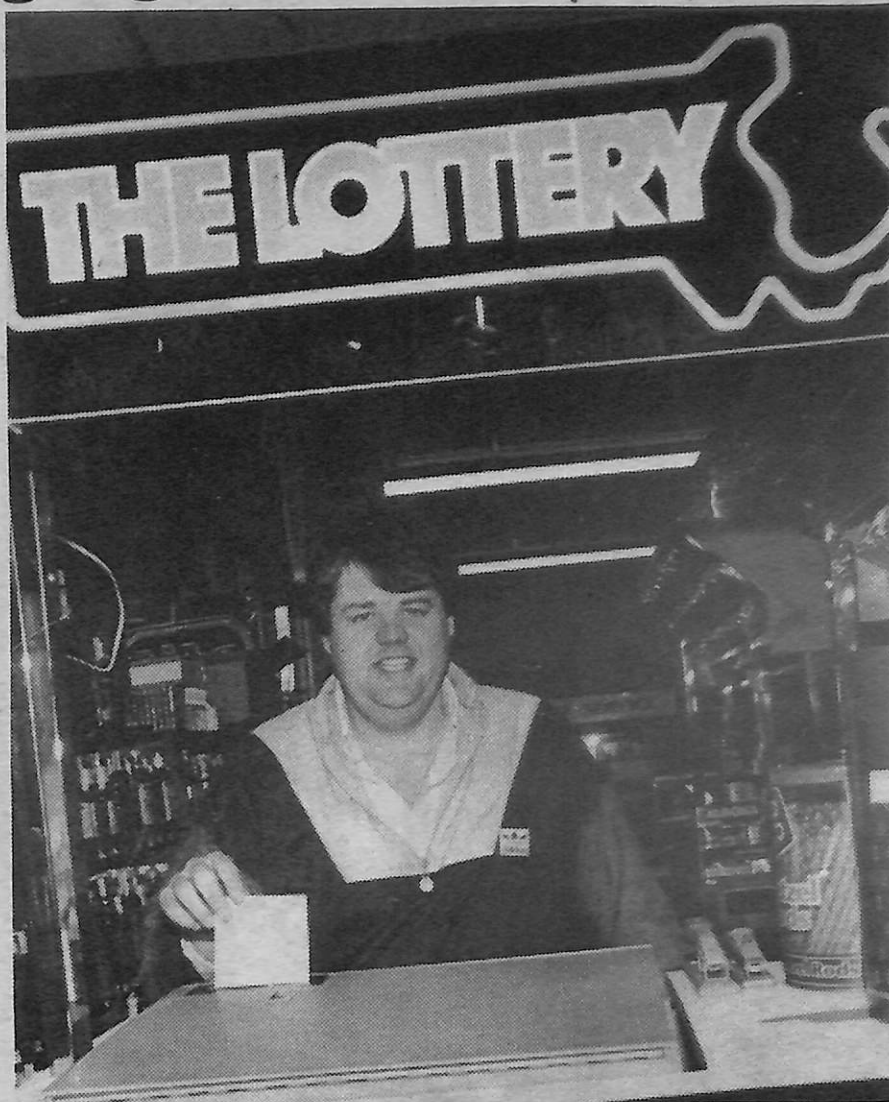
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# Gino Rossi Has Been Helping Agawam For 4 Decades



**GINO ROSSI** is the longtime owner and operator of Gino's Package Store on Walnut Street Extension. Gino's civic support of Agawam is well-known and very much appreciated. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THE POPULAR GARY EGGLESTON** is a familiar face at Gino's Package Store on Walnut Street Extension. Stop by and see "Eggy" to purchase your Mass. State Lottery Season Ticket. It's a great stocking stuffer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Pam Savioli Awarded Realtor CRS Designation

Pam Savioli of Lewis & Arnold, Realtors, has been awarded the Residential Sales Specialist (CRS) designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, affiliated with the National Association of Realtors.

The award was announced during the Council and Marketing Institute meeting held in conjunction with mid-year meetings of the National Association of Realtors, November 10th to 15th, in San Francisco, California.

The nationally recognized CRS designation is a symbol of excellence in residential sales. Those receiving the CRS must complete the required Residential Sales courses offered by the Residential Sales Council and must demonstrate expertise in applied residential marketing.

The more than 18,400 individuals now recognized as Certified Residential Specialists benefit by a greater awareness of the latest sales methods. They are able to better serve clients and represent properties professionally. Only 1 percent of Realtor-Associates have received the honor of being a CRS.

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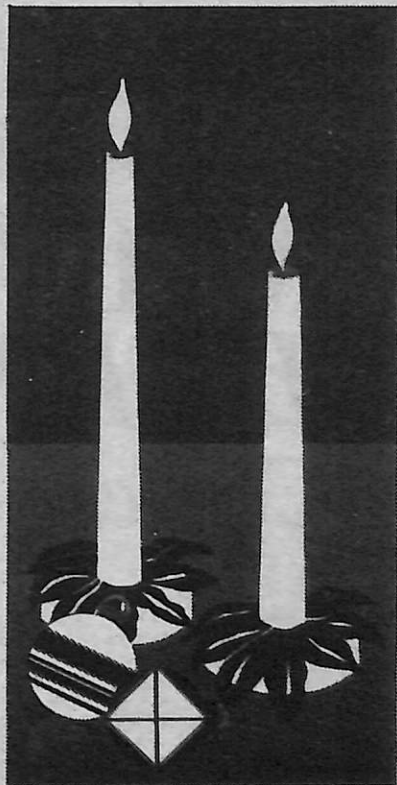


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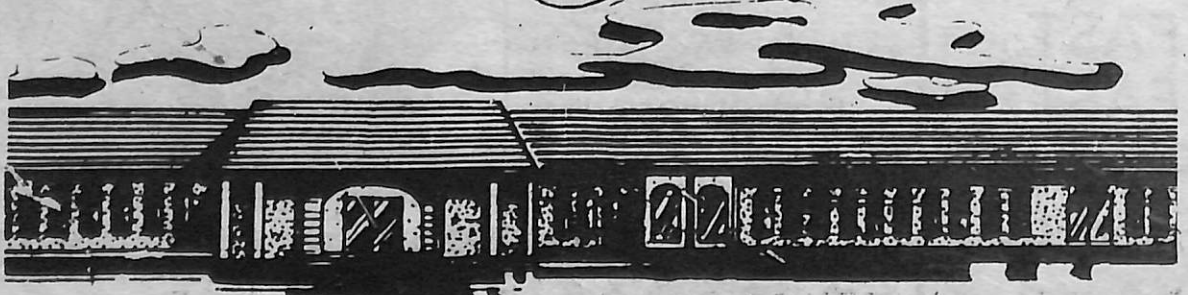
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## Management Changes At Park West Bank Hailed By Bill Franks

Westbank Corporation has announced a restructuring of the management of Westbank Corporation and its subsidiary, Park West Bank and Trust Company.

William A. Franks, Jr., chairman of the board, announced that Theodore P. Kosior had resigned as president and director of Westbank Corporation to pursue other business interests, and that five major new management assignments have been made by the boards of Westbank Corporation and Park West Bank and Trust Company.

Franks stated, "We made significant corporate changes that we feel will continue to help achieve goals our bank directors have set forth. The new management team we've assembled is a group of proven community bankers who are dedicated to focus on strength and innovation."

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With the new appointments of the bank officers, the bank plans to continue to contribute to the economic well-being of their stockholders, customers, staff, and the community.

The five new appointments include **Raymond J. Labbe** promoted to president and chief executive officer of Westbank Corporation; **Donald R. Chase**, elected president and chief executive officer of Park West Bank and Trust Company; **Gary L. Briggs**, elected executive vice president-lending of Park West; **John M. Lilly**, elected executive vice president-finance and treasurer of Park West; and **Dorothy J. Hutchins**, promoted to vice president of Westbank Corporation.

Raymond J. Labbe, of West Springfield, was formally president and chief executive officer of Park West Bank and Trust Company. Prior to that appointment he was executive vice president of the bank in 1982.

Before that he held several executive positions at Third National Bank of Hampden County, now Bank of New England-West. He obtained his bachelor of arts degree from Providence College and attended the Installment Credit School at the University of Chicago and the School of Banking at Williams College.

He has been a member of the Rotary Club of West Springfield since 1973, and has served in many local community organizations such as the Eastern States Exposition, Inc., West Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and West Springfield Industrial Park. He was listed in the 22nd edition of Marquis' "Who's Who in the East."

Labbe was born in Lewiston, Maine, and is married to Vivian Labbe. They have four children and three grandsons.

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Former executive vice president of Park West Bank, Donald R. Chase joined Westbank in 1972 as assistant treasurer. He was promoted several times, and in 1986, was appointed a director of Park West.

He graduated from Western New England College with honors, and took graduate courses at the University of Virginia Bank School. His organization affiliations include the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce, West Springfield Historic District Commission, West Springfield Lions Club, West Springfield Boys & Girls Club, and the Jaycees.

Chase, a West Springfield resident, is married to Dianna Chase of Chicopee and they have four children.

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Gary L. Briggs, formally senior vice president, joined the bank in 1979 and was elected assistant treasurer. In 1987, he was promoted to senior vice president of the loan division.

His community involvement includes past president of the Pioneer Valley Consumer Credit Counseling Service, past president of the West Springfield Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, and coordinator for the United Way Pacesetter Fundraising Campaign. Briggs lives in Wilbraham with his wife, Anne, and their two children.



**THE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF WESTBANK CORPORATION.** Front row - William A. Franks, chairman of the board (left), and Raymond J. Labbe, president and chief executive officer of Westbank Corporation. Back row, from left - Donald R. Chase, president and CEO, Park West Bank and Trust Company; Dorothy J. Hutchins, vice president of Westbank Corporation; Gary L. Briggs, executive vice-president-lending, Park West Bank; and John M. Lilly, executive vice-president-finance, and treasurer of Park West Bank.

Executive vice president-finance and treasurer, John M. Lilly, was formerly senior vice president and treasurer. Lilly served as vice president and comptroller, auditor, and security officer, assistant treasurer, and assistant to the comptroller at Park West.

He was educated at the University of Massachusetts and is currently attending the graduate school of banking in finance at the University of Wisconsin. He has served as trustee for the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club, and director and past president of the Western Massachusetts Chapter of Bank Administration. Lilly is married to Sheila Lilly. They have two children and reside in West Springfield.

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Finally, Dorothy J. Hutchins of West Springfield began her employment with the bank in 1969 as secretary to President William A. Franks, Jr. She was promoted to assistant treasurer of Park West Bank in 1977 and continued working with Franks and the board of directors.

Her civic duties include being a member of the National Association of Bank Women, Pioneer Valley Group of NABW, and corporator of West Springfield Boys and Girls Club.

Mrs. Hutchins is a graduate of West Springfield High School and attended Holyoke Community College and the University of Massachusetts. She is married to Edward Hutchins and has two children and a grandson.

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Park West has been dedicated to offering quality bank products and services which have enhanced the economic well-being of its customers and the communities it serves. The bank has been sensitive to the needs of consumers as well as small and medium sized businesses.

According to Raymond J. Labbe, newly appointed president and chief executive officer of Westbank Corporation, "We as bankers continually recognize and welcome our involvement in the communities we

serve."

Since the deregulation of state banks five years ago, personal customer service grew to be a major issue among commercial banks and savings and loan institutions. Labbe said, "People are looking for a bank with a personal touch. Customers like to be recognized and called by name." Westbank's philosophy has held true to their mission statement which says personal customer service is a key element in adding to the success of the bank.

The bank's financial resources are structured in such a manner that they assure continued market share and asset growth, thereby maximizing the economic value of the corporation. This value, in turn, benefits the community.

"Innovation is a key element in our growth philosophy. We have an opportunity to be creative and we take advantage of that. We constantly keep abreast of, and react to, technological changes, knowing that these changes will not only affect our personnel, but our customers as well," says Donald R. Chase. "More specifically, our innovative methods are reflected in our deposit services and our expansion of new geographic markets."

Financially, the corporation saw an increase in operating earnings while reaching new highs in deposits and assets. The new levels of net income and total assets were partly achieved due to the recent addition of the corporation's new affiliate, Chicopee Cooperative Bank.

"We are very proud of the fact that the corporation began with an initial capitalization of \$200,000 which has now grown to over \$22 million in capital with over \$300 million in assets," said Labbe.

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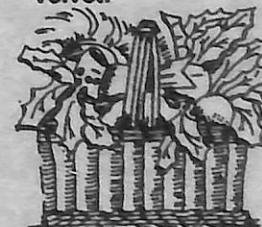


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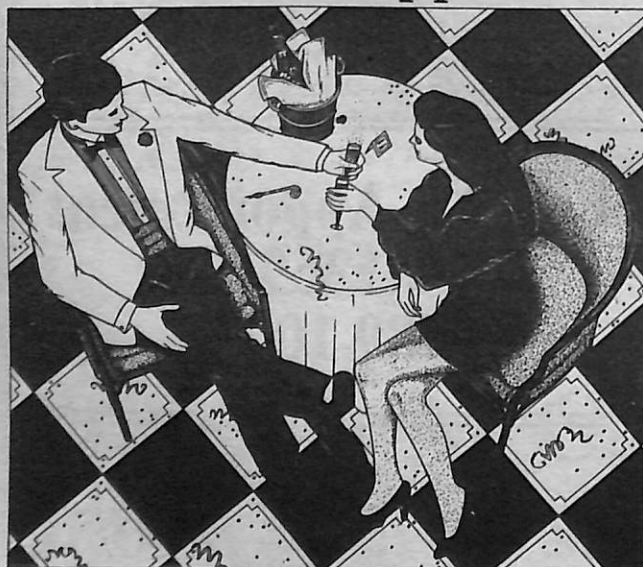
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## Medical Society Influenza Bulletin

"It is not too late to be immunized against influenza," according to Robert P. Hoffman, M.D., spokesperson for the Hampden District Medical Society and a specialist in Infectious Diseases. "Influenza is among the most preventable of winter's afflictions in New England," says Hoffman who urges those in high risk groups to seek influenza immunization as soon as possible through free clinics in their town or through their personal physician.

According to the Hampden District Medical Society, this viral infection is expected to cause a mild epidemic again this year. For most of its victims, the illness will be comprised of fever, muscle aches, minor respiratory symptoms such as cough and chest pain, and vague gastro-intestinal complaints. For others, the illness poses far more serious risks.

The elderly, victims of chronic heart and lung disease, and people with disorders weakening their immune systems are especially susceptible to complications arising from an influenza infection. Most commonly, the complication is pneumonia which is often life threatening and is usually difficult to treat in the high risk groups. For this reason, if you are in the high risk groups, HDMS recommends that you receive immunization now. Because it takes between 7 to 14 days for influenza immunization to become effective, it is important to be immunized prior to the onset of an epidemic. A member of a high risk group who has been exposed to influenza and has not been immunized this year should see his or her personal physician for treatment with one of the anti-viral drugs which have recently been shown to be effective.

This year, according to Hoffman, immunization against influenza will include either killed virus or fragments of several different strains of the virus. For adults, a single immunization is required. Children, between the ages of two and twelve, if they are thought to be at high risk, should be guided by their personal physician for specific information regarding pediatric immunization. Recent studies have shown that influenza immunization is safe and may be effective even in those with marked immunological abnormalities.

In addition to people at high risk for serious complications from influenza, Dr. Hoffman recommends that "health-care" personnel be immunized. Also, because the illness can lead to loss of time from work or school, even those not in high risk groups may consider immunization. This group, however, must weigh the risk of mild aching and occasional fevers which may occur as a complication of the immunization against the risk posed by the disease itself.

Dr. Hoffman identified those people who should not receive influenza vaccine while those with a history of allergic reactions to influenza vaccine in the past, and those with allergies to egg products.

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But that is just today's victory. Plaque forms every day. It takes daily brushing and flossing, plus periodic professional cleaning in the dental office, to remove difficult areas of plaque.

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"The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet, and in the cause and prevention of disease." The preceding statement is attributed to Thomas Edison.

### The Idea of Health Maintenance

Maintaining physical fitness and practicing preventive health care appears to be a new concept because of the recent media coverage given to the benefits of staying well versus seeking a cure to a health problem after it becomes known. However, this is not a new approach. Chiropractic, from its early beginnings, has endorsed this idea of "wellness."

Chiropractic is a holistic (total person) method that deals with treating the cause of the problem rather than just the symptoms.

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Many patients see their chiropractor regularly to maintain proper function of the spinal column and nerve system and consequently enjoy better health. The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, offers complete service to those interested.

## Mended Hearts Chapter 37 Sets Meeting January 4th

The Mended Hearts, Inc. Chapter 37 of Greater Springfield will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 4th, 1989, at 7:30 p.m., at the Elks Lodge 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Anyone who is anticipating Cardiac Surgery or undergone Cardiac Surgery is welcome to attend this support group's meeting with family or friends. There is no charge.

Refreshments will be served.

## Sibling Class Offered At Providence Hosp.

The addition of a new child to a family has a very direct impact on a child's life. There will be a major adjustment for all family members, but especially so for the sibling(s).

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital is pleased to announce a program designed to help children prepare for the exciting arrival of the new brother or sister.

"The Sibling Class is designed for children aged 2 to 14 years old and can help them feel a whole lot more secure about the new baby" said Alice Hodge, Coordinator of Family Health Education at the hospital.

The class gives an opportunity for the children to share their feelings about a new baby through discussion and a special story-time.

The program also includes a tour of the Family Birthplace, where the new baby will be born. A class photo is taken and posted on the hospital's nursery window so big brothers and sisters have a chance to see a photograph of themselves when they come to see the baby for the first time.

Information is also provided to parents as to how they can make adjustments for their children more positive. The class is taught by Mary Elkas, M.S., of Westfield.

The Sibling Class is held once a month and a modest fee is charged. Pre-registration for the program is required. For more information regarding The Sibling Class program, please call Alice Hodge or Sally Howland, Family Health Education Coordinators at The Center for Women's Health. They can be reached at 539-2950, Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## Providence Hospital Has Diabetic Teaching Program

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Teaching Program will present a series of free classes beginning Friday, January 6th, 1989, at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

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## Arts



### PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit  
Entertainment Editor

#### — *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*: 3 1/2 STARS

As any astute filmgoer already knows, comedy is definitely in vogue this holiday season, and Hollywood is determined to appeal to all kinds of funny bones. For instance, if you like outrageous and somewhat bawdy farces, then by all means go and see *The Naked Gun* (reviewed in last week's PHILM REVIEW). Or, if you're a masochistic person and derive pleasure from abysmally bad comedies, then you are more than welcome to *My Stepmother is an Alien* (to be covered later on in this week's PHILM REVIEW).

However, if you happen to relish humorous motion pictures of a more sophisticated nature, then you're in luck, too, for you now have the opportunity to enjoy *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*.

Directed with impeccably droll finesse by Frank Oz (*Little Shop of Horrors*), this old-fashioned and very witty comedy stars Steve Martin and Michael Caine as a pair of professional con artists who ply their trade among the wealthy women who inhabit the posh French Riviera. But, as they come to realize, the Riviera is just not big enough for the two of them, so they decide to make a bet that will determine which one of them can stay and which will have to leave.

Using a recently-arrived American tourist (well-played by actress Glenn Headley) as their new victim, they each set out to swindle \$50,000 from her, and the man who can accomplish this task first will be the winner of their contest.

Basically a thinly veiled remake of a 1964 David Niven-Marlon Brando romp titled *Bedtime Story*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is a low-key movie that does contain some slow moments, yet on the whole, it is delectably delightful entertainment which is comprised of surprising plot developments that will bring to mind the conning shenanigans of that now-classic, Oscar-winning

film, *The Sting*. Therefore, since it thrives on continually startling its audience, it would be best if I didn't say anything else about the storyline of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* and, instead, examine two of its other features — namely, the outstanding performances by its pair of leading actors.

Proving once again that he is no longer "The Jerk" of nearly a decade ago, Martin (*Planes, Trains and Automobiles*) delivers a vibrant portrayal of a wily American rogue whose approach to the art of "conning" revolves around shamelessly appealing to the sympathetic temperaments of his targets. Meanwhile, as a perfect complement to his co-star, Caine (*Without a Clue*) absolutely shines in the role of a gentlemanly Frenchman who comes off as a somewhat upstanding individual because his personal code of ethics allows him to defraud only those people who can truly afford to be fleeced.

#### — *My Stepmother is an Alien*: 0 STARS

A dreadfully unfunny comedy about a beautiful extraterrestrial (Kim Basinger) who travels to our planet after her world receives a telescopic transmission from one of Earth's denizens, a widowed astronomer (Dan Aykroyd). But, during her mission in which she tries to get some critical scientific information from this man, our alien visitor unintentionally becomes emotionally involved with both him and his 13 year-old daughter (newcomer Alyson Hannigan).

Films with offbeat and thoroughly farfetched stories do not necessarily make for lousy flicks. Take, for example, the romantic comedy *Splash*, wherein a human man fell in love with a comely mermaid. Thanks to high-quality acting, writing, and directing, that fantasy-oriented picture went on to be one of 1984's most popular movies and, as a consequence, successfully launched the careers of its two stars, Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah.

*My Stepmother is an Alien*, on the other hand, won't launch anything, although it might cause a number of people in the theater to lose their lunch. Thanks to dismal acting, writing, and directing, it stands an extremely good chance of being on my forthcoming list of the 10 worst films of 1988.

Additionally, this turkey stands as a real eyesore for two of the people who had the misfortune to be associated with it. To begin with, *My Stepmother is an Alien* represents the lowest point to date in the once-promising career of director Richard Benjamin, an

actor-turned-filmmaker who demonstrated much behind-the-camera talent with his first directorial effort, the splendid Peter O'Toole comedy *My Favorite Year*, and then became progressively worse with each picture he helmed: the well-acted yet faulty *Racing With the Moon* (few people will probably recall this one); the substandard *The Money Pit* (I, unfortunately, cannot forget this one); and the laughable *Little Nikita* (I'd bet \$100 that just about no one saw it, let alone heard about it).

Notwithstanding Benjamin's lackluster labors, this so-called comedy marks the fourth bad movie which Aykroyd has made this year; just in case you forgot the other three that he was in, they were *The Couch Trip*, *The Great Outdoors*, and *Caddyshack II*. If Hollywood gave out annual awards to actors who have made no contributions whatsoever to their craft in a long time, then Aykroyd would get this prize for 1988 hands down.

#### — *Twins*: 4 STARS

This surprisingly first-rate comedy deals with a pair of totally dissimilar twins who resulted from a scientific experiment to produce the perfect human male and were separated at birth. One of the two, Julius (Arnold Schwarzenegger), turned out to be nearly just that — a superb specimen whose physical and mental powers came to fruition while growing up on a remote South Seas island.

However, the other twin, Vincent (Danny DeVito), was a less-than-perfect side effect of this experiment in genetics, and his undesirable upbringing in Los Angeles eventually turned him into a thief and all-around hustler who's constantly getting into some kind of trouble.

Now, at the age of 35, these brothers meet each other for the first time, and what ensues is a madcap plot to try and find their mother, who had presumably died while giving birth but is now believed to be still alive and unaware of her sons' existence.

The concept of *Twins* possessed a great deal of humorous potential. Having the physically-imposing Schwarzenegger and the pint-sized DeVito portray the title roles was a bit of inspired casting, and the film itself does an outstanding job of utilizing its inherently funny premise to its fullest effect.

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Curator of Education and early American decorative artist, Alice Smith, will teach a three-week course "Victorian Stencilling" beginning Wednesday, January 11th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Victorians decorated with a lavish hand and Victorian-era stenciling was more elaborate and ornate than that of an earlier period. In this three-week series, instructor Alice Smith, also a trustee and member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, will share her expertise in teaching participants how to accurately cut stencils and stencil samples of Victorian-style patterns. This course is offered in conjunction with the Historical Museum's exhibit, "Valley Victorians: Springfield Homes of the 19th Century," and is open to beginning level and experienced students.

Students will need to bring the following supplies: x-acto knife; pencil; notebook; glass for cutting surface, approximately 8"x10"; ruler; scissors; paper towels.

The cost for this course is \$21 for members of the Springfield Library and Museums, and \$24 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required and should be received at least one week before the class begins. For more information and registration, please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of Springfield Library and Museums Association.

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## Judith Anderson Exhibits Art At Old First Church

"Wings and Other Things," is the theme for a three-artist show featuring local wildlife artist Judith Anderson, a resident of Feeding Hills, at the Old First Church Gallery, Springfield.

Mrs. Anderson, folk art painter and teacher, exhibits 19 artworks entitled "backyard wildlife"—wildlife that is noticed but often goes unseen for its quiet beauty and individual personality. From the soft warm tones of the mocking birds to the powerful grace of the American bald eagle, Mrs. Anderson brings the awareness to the eye.

Mrs. Anderson has recently shown her art at the Agawam Library Gallery and the Audubon Gallery at Laughing Brook in Hampden, as well as recently winning honors in *Country Crafts Magazine*, for an original folk art design.

"Wings and Other Things" will continue until January 11th.

## Dick Mastroianni's WORD GAME QUADRILATERAL

From above word make at least 38 five letter words. You may use only one form of a word. Example, arise or arose, not both. Do not add an "s" to a four letter word. Slang words not allowed. Answers on January 5th.

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ANSWERS (last week's answers)

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## PHILM REVIEW - From Page 35...

Yet, what's even more impressive about this picture is that besides being an absolutely entertaining comedy, it manages to succeed as a genuinely moving movie as well. On one level, *Twins* continuously provides us with much merriment as it depicts its two leading characters' encounters with a number of villainous fellows during their travels, as well as their attempts to establish romantic relationships with two striking young sisters (portrayed with much winsome charm by Chloe Webb and Kelly Preston).

And, at the same time, it touches our emotions with a sincerely poignant tale about the strength of brotherly love, and the eloquent way in which this aspect of the film is handled is a credit to director Ivan Reitman, whose earlier comedies, the rambunctious *Stripes* and *Ghostbusters*, did not lead us to believe that he was capable of using gentle humor in a skillful fashion.

In the meantime, DeVito (*Throw Momma From the Train*) and Schwarzenegger (*Red Heat*) also deserve much praise for their credible and enthusiastic acting. When it comes to portraying scoundrelly characters who relish doing sneaky deeds, there is no one who can play them quite like DeVito, and his performance as a simultaneously sly and easy-to-like rascal in *Twins* represents some of his finest work on the silver screen.

Likewise, Schwarzenegger's efforts in this film are among his best yet. Coming across like the kind of ever-devoted brother anyone would love to have, he radiates an appealingly warm persona which is enhanced by both a sense of unpretentious humor and a childlike naivety that becomes all too apparent when his previously island-bound character is exposed to the real ways of the world for the first time in his life.

### \* THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

- **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** and **Twins**: Both of these comedies are rated PG for some mildly mature humor, dialogue, and situations.
- **My Stepmother is an Alien**: Although it is rated PG-13, the highly adult nature of some of its sexually-oriented humor should have warranted an R rating instead.

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## Education

### Performing Troupe Brings Christmas Show To Robinson Park

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The Syllepsis performance ensemble brought Robinson Park School grades two through four a unique presentation of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas In Wales," Friday, December 9th.

Katherine Sanderson, Emma Missouri, Jeannette Trombley, Billy Yalowitz, and James Emery of Dance Gallery in Northampton used their combined multi-talents to express Thomas' tale in vividly colorful language and choreography that held the young audience spellbound for the entire performance.

Thomas is a writer and poet whose work in prose is somewhat abstract when broken down to layman's language. Principal Barbara Skolnick said, "He is not the easiest writer to understand, especially for young children."

Collections of his memories as a young child in Wales conjured up an array of images for the children's minds by statements of "chilly winters, snow covered" to animations of "what would you do if you saw a hippo coming down your street?" as well as "Christmas Eve of long ago, when there was a fire and then the morning of presents; useful and useless." "Christmas evening brought another fire in the fireplace and ghost stories..."

All the memories were related by the actors through their own voices and impressions and feelings in a choreographed series of movements. Ms. Sanderson, the choreographer, said, "The dance makes the language accessible. Emma is our voice trainer. We have worked together for 16 years."

After the performance, each of the actor/dancers went into the children's individual classrooms to answer questions they may have had about the performance or about the players.

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Teacher Andrew Bowers' class was visited by Ms. Sanderson, and the fourth grade children asked intelligent questions. It was interesting to note how well they understood and related to the story. The fact that Thomas' memory in this story was of when he was



**MEMBERS OF SYLLEPSIS, including Emma Missouri, Katherine Sanderson, Jeannette Trombley, Billy Yalowitz, and James Emery in performance at Robinson Park School. Advertiser**

News photo by Jack Devine.

about 10 years-old may have been a consideration.

Ms. Sanderson said, "Emma and I have been performing this production since 1972, but the new dancers keep changing the choreograph to fit their own feelings so it is always different." She told the children that "singing in the round" gave them the idea of using a repetitive-type of sentence ending at some points.

"This group has been together for three years. We have about 10 stories for children and adults. It takes about two months to make all the movements and to decide who will say what in each story," she said.

She also told the children that "this play changes depending on who the performers are, even though we had all the words on paper. We translate the words on paper 'when there were wolves in Wales' by making and then watching a video of how it feels in each of us. When we watch the videos, we decide which person's feeling for that particular section of the story we like

best."

She added, "The play came from inside us from the poem. That is why it takes about two months to choreograph it." She told the children that they also performed, "Thomas' Holiday Memory about a seaside carnival, about it being really hot and all the animals."

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Ms. Sanderson showed the children where Wales was located on a map—"about 250 miles from London. People are called Welsh, but very few people still speak Welsh since the country was taken over by Great Britain," she said.

Before she left the class, Ms. Sanderson told the children that she was leaving a copy of the story with their teacher. "You can read the story to yourself, to someone else, or you can make up your own wolves and kids," she said.

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# In-Service Day Explains SATs

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

While Agawam Public School students were dismissed last Tuesday, December 13th, for a half-day of school, many of their teachers attended a special lecture in the Agawam High School cafeteria that afternoon.

Associate Director James Montague, Jr., from the New England Regional Office of The College Board, spoke to staff members about Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) and PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).

Evident from the vast amount of knowledge imparted to staff members and the enthusiasm with which Montague related the information, was his firm belief that these tests were good. He did stress, however, that the SAT is not an intelligence test.

He said, "I think we can affect our kids' SAT scores. Familiarization is the part of teachers and counselors. A booklet called 'Taking The SAT' is distributed through the Guidance Department with an overview of the test included. The whole content area is covered and a sample test is included, but the publication is free and The College Board produces it so kids are not motivated by it. It has good information but it needs to be interpreted differently with a new approach."

He added, "We have to be careful not to overinterpret these test scores. It is The College Board's job to put these tests back into perspective. SATs and PSATs test verbal and math reasoning abilities related to college performance. These abilities are developed both in and out of school."

Included in a composite of material supplied by The College Board at this lecture was a booklet that stressed the importance of students' reading outside of school in order to get higher scores on the verbal testing. Montague said, "Educators only have a piece of the pie in developing skills for the SAT scores. Kids can learn these high level, critical thinking abilities and be better prepared for the SAT. Also, strategies are important and knowing the layout of the test is critical."

He noted, "Educated guessing improves as the odds are decreased with eliminating possibilities by working with partial information." He showed the audience an overview chart of a sample question with a multiple

five-choice answer. If the student can eliminate (through exposure to) three incorrect selections, his chances of selecting the correct answer from the remaining two choices improves to over a 60 percent accuracy.

Montague assured educators that beyond familiarization, a short-term drill does not work. He said, "There is a book on the market that will sell like hotcakes because kids are looking for tricks. The 'easy way out' does not exist. If juniors are not prepared, it's too late."

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Having been a secondary school educator up until a year ago, Montague also worked as a counselor and SAT counselor.

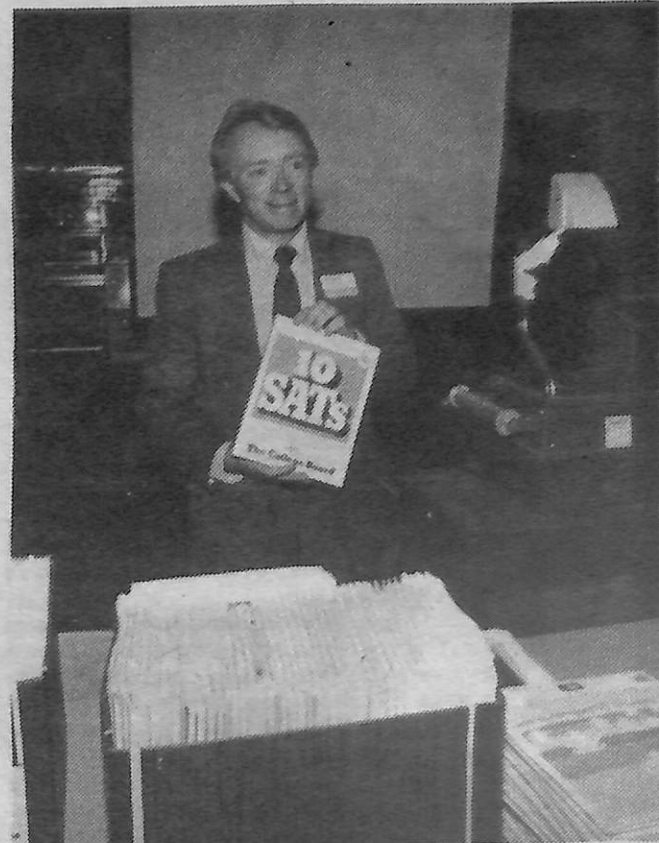
He said, "The SAT is always consistent: two one-half hour verbal sections; two one-half hour math sections, and one-half hour for test of standard written English. (This part helps to sort out students needing remedial reading assistance.) The test is very long. It's a three-hour test for kids."

He added, "There is a one-half hour equating (pretest) section. We take an actual section that was previously scored and equate it to make sure test scores are not inflated or deflated. This part is not scored and doesn't count; it does help us to get a 'clean' test. Unfortunately students don't know which part it is; so they should not skip any one part."

Although the PSAT is considered a practice test for the SAT (1 hour, 40 minutes) in most cases, it is also geared to identify top students of a class. It gives those students a chance at scholarships. "Every item on the PSAT is an actual SAT 'retired' question. Juniors and some sophomores should be encouraged to take it," said Montague.

He stated, "The SAT is not the single most important factor in college admissions decisions. It should be stressed to students at the junior high and even middle school levels that the most important factor to college admissions is the student's record (grades) throughout high school. Tests are further down the list."

Montague felt it could not be stressed enough that "the student's high school record is the most important part of the process."



COLLEGE BOARD OFFICIAL James Montague makes a point at Agawam High School last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Community Giving Theme At Robinson During December

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The Robinson Park Elementary School Adelphi Team is promoting the idea of giving for the month of December throughout the school. As you enter the front doors of the school, the showcase display has a scene of festive houses throughout a community with the sign "Community Giving and Sharing" above it.

Around the showcase are decorative Christmas trees with wrapped gifts of children's clothing and canned goods packaged as Christmas presents that are being collected at Robinson. The presents will be brought to the Open Pantry in Springfield as donations for the holidays.

The children have made hundreds of ornaments for the Baystate West Shopping Mall Giving Tree so that Milton Bradley will donate a toy for each ornament made to less fortunate children for Christmas.

The Adelphi project spirit of giving continued with the "Tuffy, Tim Project" at Springfield Shiner's Hospital, too. Robinson students made many, many Christmas cards to send to children confined to the hospital over the holidays.

This year the Robinson Holiday Workshop was somewhat different than past years. For years the children would shop for family at a "store" in the school to purchase gifts.

This year, Principal Barbara Skolnick, said, "Each child, under the guidance of the P.T.O. volunteers, is making their own special gift for the family. The P.T.O. members worked with two classes per day for the entire week (December 12th-16th) in the mornings. There is a great response from volunteers, almost a one-on-one situation in the classrooms."

Chairwoman Donna Shibley has selected specific gifts for each grade level to work on, but it wouldn't be fair to the children to list the gifts they are making and ruin their surprise for Christmas morning! The P.T.O. is sponsoring this large project as well as working hard to make sure each child's gift is completed for the holiday.

Mrs. Skolnick added, "There isn't a child left out. The gifts will be handmade by each and every child in the school."

INSTRUCTOR DONNA SHIBLEY and PTO mother Virginia Borgatti assist Robinson Park students Wesley Lane and Crystal Rivers to make ornaments for the Giving Tree in Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SHARON L. PERRY

### Sharon L. Perry Accepted Into American Dietetic Assoc.

Sharon L. Perry of 78 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, has been accepted into membership in The American Dietetic Association (ADA). Ms. Perry is employed by Heritage Hall Nursing Home and is enrolled in Holyoke Community College.

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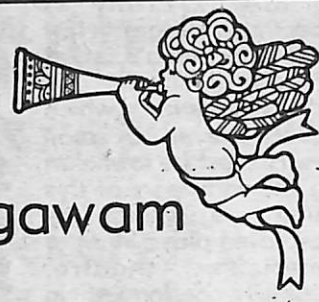
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# Grade 6 Winter Concert Has Much Merriment At Middle School

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Agawam Middle School's Grade Six Winter Concert was held Wednesday, December 14th, in the auditorium. Programs were distributed to the audience of parents and friends with a cover designed by students **Jamie Raynor** and **Suzanne Brown**, and printed by Frank Disco of Underwood Press.

Director Dorothy Hegarty led the sixth grade string orchestra in four arrangements: "Sumer Is Icumen In, Carol Of The Bells, My Dreidl, and The Masked Stranger."

Mrs. Hegarty then accompanied faculty director Lee Hazelton for several songs by the sixth grade Chorus. Ms. Hazelton arranged the first presentation, "Flemish Carol," and other song titles were "This Is Hanukkah," "Sing Hodie," "Brian's Song, and "A Good Ol' Country Christmas."

The sixth grade band, directed by faculty member Kenneth Longstreeth, led-off with "Newport Overture." Flutists **Gina Maynard, Beth Meagher, Tanya Rydell, Denise Seaver, Lauren Seymour, and Bethany Tangredi** played "Soliloquy for Flute and Band."

Sixth grade teacher Louis Spiro narrated "Careless Clyde, The Crazy Composer" as the band played this composition. "P.S. It's The Blues," and "Christmas Jollies" were also presented.

Principal Ralph Zavarella and Assistant Principal William Sapelli thanked parents for their attendance and support. They said that the students in the orchestra, chorus, and band had worked hard to make this musical evening enjoyable.

The staff and students at Middle School said they were delighted that parents and friends could attend the concert and wished everyone a joyous holiday season.

## Holly Cioffari Of Agawam In Fitchburg State's "Our Town"

Holly Cioffari of Agawam appeared recently in a production of Thornton Wilder's classic play "Our Town" at Fitchburg State College.

A sophomore professional writing major at the college, she is the daughter of R.A. Cioffari of Chestnut Ridge, New York, and Linda Cioffari of Agawam.

"Our Town," which depicts life in a small New Hampshire town during the early part of this century, is among the most-loved plays in all of American theatre. Originally performed in 1938, the play won for Wilder his first Pulitzer Prize.

The Fitchburg State production was directed by Artist-in-residence Gary Mitchell, an acclaimed playwright-director from Boston.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL orchestra in concert at the school on Wednesday, December 14th. Director of the orchestra is Dorothy Hegarty. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 47. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Schools Sponsoring Child Workshops

The Agawam Public Schools, Department of Special Services, is sponsoring a series of four workshops pertaining to Early Childhood. These workshops are made possible through Chapter 188 Discretionary Grant funding.

The first and second workshops will be on normal speech and language development disorders. The guest speaker will be Carla Bernier, Speech and Language Pathologist at Mercy Hospital. Ms. Bernier has extensive clinical and public school experience with preschoolers.

There will be a short video presentation on

language, handouts and suggestions for parents to facilitate their child's communication skills. Questions and concerns about children's speech and language will be discussed. What do specialists consider normal in the preschool age child and when should parents seek assistance.

The dates of these workshops are on Wednesday, January 11, 1989 and Wednesday, January 18, 1989. They will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. in the Agawam Junior High School Auditorium. The workshops are free and open to the public.

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## Winter Concert At Agawam Middle School



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### How I Spend Christmas

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On Christmas Eve I cannot go to sleep and sometimes I get up at about 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. and see how many presents there are. When we get up we open our stockings then open all the presents. At noon we go to my grandma's house and we get more presents there and then my family has a Christmas dinner.

Glen Meisenholder

### What Christmas Means

Long ago Jesus was born on the 25th of December. He called it Christmas, a time of giving. And he enjoyed to watch the people give. He thought it was very good. So now, that's what we celebrate. People start to decorate their houses with lights. It's time to put up the Christmas tree, wrap the presents, and share our love with our family and friends. And that's what Christmas is all about.

Bethany Bowrys

### Christmas Lights

In 1985 my mom and I were putting the lights up. At first I put the outside lights up. I put them on the trees and the house. Then we put some lights in the house. I put the Christmas cards on the door with some lights and Mom put the tree up. My brother Jason and I put the lights on the tree. It was 9:30 p.m. and my mom said that we had to go to bed because it was Christmas tomorrow. She came and gave us a kiss and we went to sleep.

Shavone Lee Mackay

### Christmas

The real meaning of Christmas is when Jesus was born. When the moon shone brightly in the sky and the three men followed it to the stable where they found Mary and Joseph there and baby Jesus. Each of the three men gave a gift to the baby. Then the little boy came. He said that he was poor, but could he play his drum for the baby. Mary shook her head yes to the boy so he made up a song called Rum pa pa pum. He played it over and over.

Tracy Landry

SEE KIDS' KORNER - Page 46...

## Christmas Themes

Phelps School - Grade 3, Room 18

### My Favorite Christmas

One day we were driving to my grandma's house. It was on a dirt road through the woods. When we drove up to the driveway, we saw a black bear and three cubs cross the road. Then we went inside and told my grandmother about it and opened presents. That was an exciting Christmas.

Curtis Cuccia

### The Week Before Christmas

On the week before Christmas, everyone was busy. My sister and I were bringing Christmas lights down from the attic, my parents were putting up the Christmas tree, and my cat was playing with our stockings. When my sister and I were finished, we made a snowman in our front yard. Everyone was having fun that weekend before Christmas. We were even going skiing the next day.

Mike Mangano

### The Night She Saw Santa Claus

One snowy Christmas night, four little children lay in bed dreaming about Santa Claus. Suddenly one girl out of four children got up for a drink. And in the living room sat Santa taking a break. The girl ran into the living room and sat on Santa's lap. She pulled his beard to see if it was real, and it was. Then Santa said that he had to go. He left in his sleigh and he yelled that she should have a nice Christmas. Ever since that night this little girl waits for Santa to see how he is doing and gives him cookies and milk.

Sharon Chicklas

### Decorating The House

When we decorate our house, the whole family decorates the house. My father puts up the tree and the lights. My mom, my sister, my father, and I put the ornaments on the tree. We put on little candles, Mrs. and Mr. Claus, on the table. We put Christmas pictures on the windows. We put popcorn and berries on the tree and we put glitter on too. We put glitter on the hills we have. My mom puts the Christmas cards on the same place.

Christine Isabelle

### Christmas Day

One Christmas Day I went to open my Christmas presents. I got a lot of things. My friends played with us. Then we went to play outside where we made a snowman. We stayed outside for two hours. We went sledding and had a snowball fight. Then we built a big snowman and threw snowballs at it. It broke in half. My father made a big snowman but it melted in a few weeks.

Patsy Liquori

### Putting Up A Tree

When my family puts up our tree we make a mess. I like decorating the tree because we have a lot of ornaments. One year when we were putting up the lights on the tree my cat Smoky got tangled up in the lights. It was a pain in the neck to get her out. Then my brother Dominic and I went to bed. After all that work, the tree looked very nice.

Tony Alfano

### Christmas

On Christmas last year I got a radio controlled car from my dad. I got him a mug. My aunt, uncles, and my grandparents came over for Christmas. On Christmas my aunt Beth gave my dad a big model ship. I got a He-Man Castle. My brother got a real neat keyboard. I also got a camera. Then we went to my uncle's house. He got me and my brother a train set, and a car crusher race car game. After that we went home and had a big meal. It was a great day!

Joey Fleming



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**KIDS' KORNER - From Page 45...****My Favorite Christmas**

My favorite Christmas was last year. We got television, radio, radio remote control car. I got a lot of matchbox cars, clothes, a fake gun, and a watch. I hope this Christmas I get that many toys. But Christmas is not only toys, it is the time Jesus was born, and it's fun to be with my family. But I get a little tired and go to bed early.

**Scott Campion**

**My Best Christmas**

My favorite Christmas was last year because I got to go to every relative in my family and my dad and I threw flowers on my grandpa's and grandma's tombstone. My dad gave me my present on New Year's because my grandpa's birthday is on New Year's. My stepmom gave me a remote control car for Christmas. May dad gave me a bike on New Year's and my own radio. My dad gave my brother a Nintendo for Christmas. My dad gave my brother and me four Nintendo tapes. He gave us Contra Russian attack Section Z and 3.0 world runner. My dad and stepmom went to see my stepgrandma and gave her a big lightup Santa Claus and reindeer. They liked it a lot said Grandma. They said they never had seen one before.

**Chris Duby**

**The Night I Met Santa**

I was at the store buying cookies for Christmas. Well when I got outside there was a kid stealing my bike. I started chasing him and he tripped over a coke can. Then he got up and he turned into a troll. I screamed and he took a device out of his pocket and threw it at me. The next thing I knew I was in a dungeon of a wicked witch who was trying to stop Christmas. Then I saw the witch and she was more ugly than I thought. I had a plan, but all I needed was something to throw. I picked up a rock on the floor and I threw it at her and she turned to salt. I got home late that night and I heard a sound. It looked at the chimney and saw Santa. I said hi to him and he said hi back. Then he flew up the chimney.

**Bret Thurman**

**Christmas**

The snow that morning was gleaming, and Mary was eating her sticky bun while getting her snow suit on. She was so excited for it was almost Christmas. Mary's sister Samantha was waiting outside for Mary. When Mary came out Samantha told her let's make a snow tree with some Christmas decorations on it. Soon Samantha saw a puppy and told Mary let's make a

snow puppy opening a snow present under the Christmas tree. Then they both fell over and laughed with glee.

**Gwendolyn Beaver**

**Santa Claus In Trouble**

Up at the North Pole Santa is getting ready for Christmas. The elves are busy making toys and getting the sleigh ready. Soon Santa is off. On the way there is a hurricane. Santa's reindeer get wild and the sleigh falls to the ground. After the hurricane is over Santa is ready to take off. But his reindeer are gone. It's a good thing Santa has a walkie-talkie. Then he calls the North Pole and an elf comes and saves him. But they have to find the reindeer. So they look around and then they find them huddled in bushes. Then Santa hooks them up to the sleigh and Santa goes and gives toys to all the kids around the world.

**Chad Abbow**

**Christmas Night**

On Christmas night we already have decorated our tree. I like to watch the Christmas tree. When I go to bed I am too excited. If you go to bed right away, when you wake up it is Christmas. On Christmas Day I have to wait until my mom wakes up. I just rip my presents open. Christmas is my favorite holiday.

**Kyle Rossi**

**Getting Ready For Christmas**

On Christmas Eve around 8:00 p.m. we all get ready for decorating the house. We put ornaments on the tree. We hang garlands around our railing and in the kitchen doorway. We also hang ornaments on the wall. We put Christmas lights all around but mostly on the tree. Every year my dad comes over on Christmas Eve and sleeps over until Christmas afternoon. Also before we go to bed we hang our stockings on the dining room chairs.

**Heidi Wenzell**

**On Christmas Eve**

Every Christmas Eve we celebrate at my house. We have my family over. I like to celebrate with my family. After we eat we open presents. It's just like Christmas morning. My favorite day is Christmas because we can spend time with our family. And they like to spend time too. The best part of Christmas is loving people and thinking of people and Jesus and decorating trees and the house. On Christmas all the houses are decorated and everything looks pretty.

**Tara Rivkin**

**The Real Meaning Of Christmas To Me**

The real meaning of Christmas to me is when we all go to church and celebrate God's love for you and me. Then we go to relatives' houses where we talk, sit around the fireplace, and sing Christmas songs. We have a big Christmas dinner. We have a lot of fun. We all go home and sit around our Christmas tree and open all of our gifts. We say thank you to God. After all it is His day.

**Lauren Welsh**

**Christmas**

One snowy day there lived a little boy named Thomas Alven Scone. This particular boy was only nine years old. His father was a salesman and Thomas never got to see him. His mother stayed home every day with him. One day Thomas went to the store with his mom. At the store was Santa Claus. Thomas' mom said, "Why don't you see Santa Claus?" "O.K." "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas, Ho, Ho, Ho, and what do you want for Christmas Thomas?" "I want my daddy to come home," he said. And Thomas got off of his lap and ran. On Christmas Day Thomas ran downstairs and saw all the presents under the tree. His mom came downstairs and on the last step the door bell rang. "Oh, Daddy you're home for Christmas!" "Yes, and I'm here to stay." His mother was overjoyed to see him. And they all had a very Merry Christmas.

**Jessica Przybyla**

**My Favorite Presents**

My favorite presents were a book called the Wizard of Oz. It was neat. I also got some models. They were neat. I got three other books named Knights and Castles, The Great Ice Age, and UFOs. But my most favorite were some toy cars and a tent.

**Joseph Kerr**

**Christmas**

Christmas is a time for sharing, caring, and loving. Christmas is a time for decorating, giving gifts, and celebrating Jesus' birth. Christmas is a time for red and green lights and Santa Claus. Christmas is a time for family.

**Nicole Schutt**

**MORE KIDS' KORNER - Page 48...**



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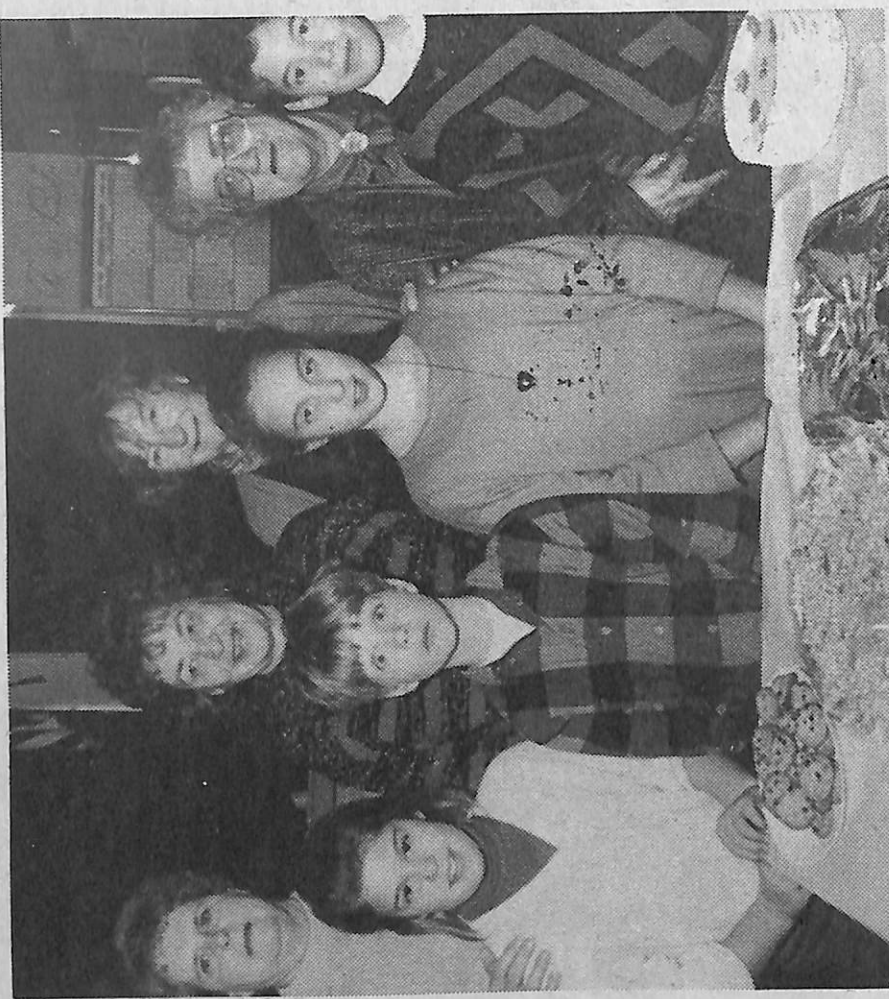


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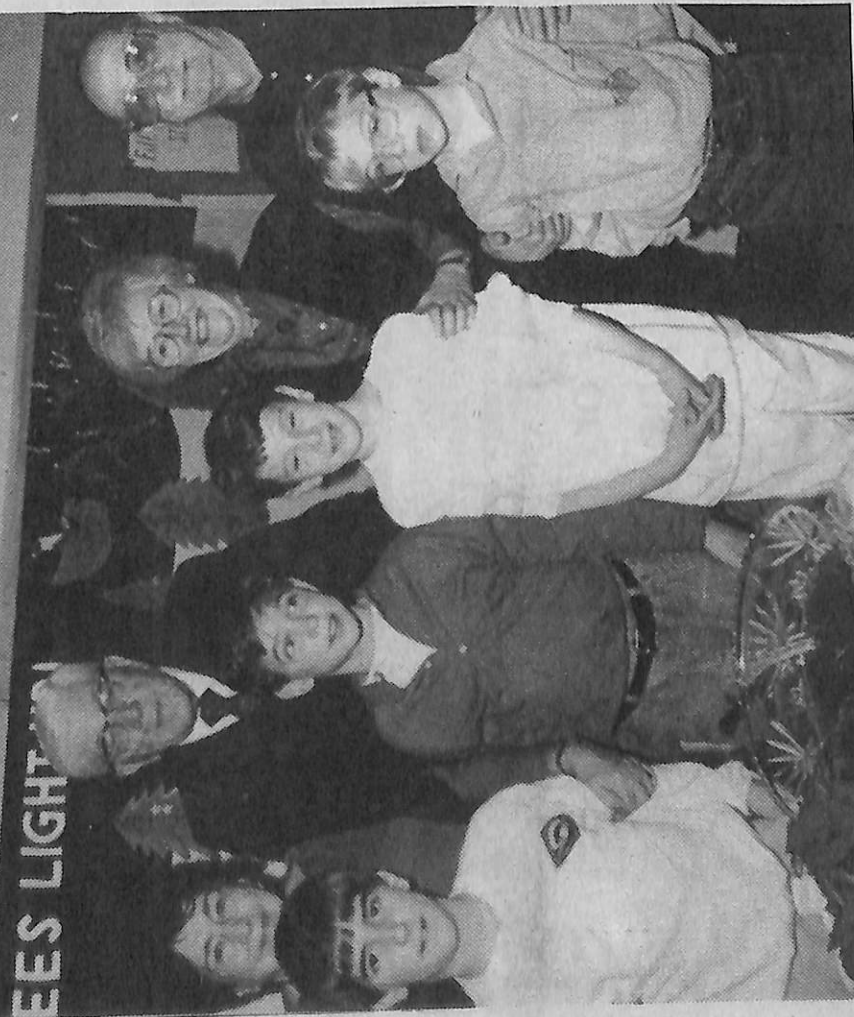
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# “Grandparents Day” Observed At Phelps School



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IN PHOTO BOTTOM LEFT, proud grandparents, back row, from left - Millie Vassallo, John Harrington, Rita Veale, and Benny Tucci, are pictured with their respective grandchildren on “Grandparents Day” at Phelps School. Students in this photo are Michael Beaudry, Michael Daigneau, Kevin Cornwell, and Brad Tilden. IN PHOTO TOP LEFT, grandparents pictured are Lucille Landers, Helen Borek, Marion Powers, and Meredith Wright. The grandchildren are Seth Larson, Marianne Hoppock, Ronnie LaValley, and David Preston. AND IN PHOTO TOP RIGHT, grandparents pictured are Yvette Locke, Gloria Lynch, Nellie Withold, and Loise Gamache. Their respective grandchildren are Courtney Locke, Andy Pond, Megan Greely, and Scott Guyer. Three third grades at the school participated. Many of the grandparents sang Christmas carols and enjoyed special treats. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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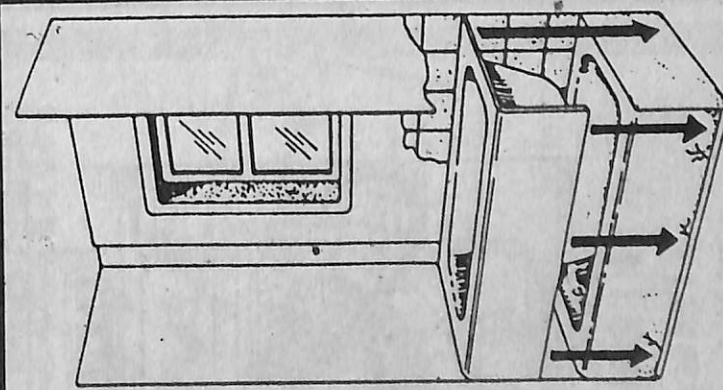
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## "The Giving Tree" Rallies Granger School To Xmas Spirit



PARTICIPATING IN THE GRANGER SCHOOL Christmas Workshop are students Danielle Bachini and Adam Mouneimneh.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



POSING AS MRS. CLAUS at a Christmas Workshop at Granger School is PTO member Kathy Mouneimneh. The students in the photo are Jennifer Pietroniro and Christopher Colcord. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

STANDING AROUND the "Giving Tree" at Granger School are students Jeanne O'Neil, Jennifer Modzelesky, Michael Grudecki, Mary Fiorentino, Lonnie DeLuca, and Mrs. Dolly Morassi, who donated the tree. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his service. Thank-you.

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## Cub Scout Pack 78 Holds Annual Xmas Party



AGAWAM CUB SCOUT PACK 78 held its Annual Christmas Party at the Polish American Club on December 11th.

## Boy Scout Troop 75 Holds Court Of Honor



BOY SCOUT TROOP 74 held its "Court of Honor" recently. The troop is sponsored by Sacred Heart Church. Front row - Mark Hallbauer (Eagle Award); Second row - Sean Ritter, Jeff Turcotte, Joe Wunderler, and Tony Russo; Third row - Joe Hollis, Pat Brames, Bill Greenway, Mike Brames, and Nick Boisvert. The scoutmaster is Richard Buley, and the assistant scoutmaster is John Brames. Avertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

**Monday, January 2nd:** No School, New Year's.

**Tuesday, January 3rd:** Tomato and macaroni soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered mixed vegetables, chilled fruit cup, milk.

**Wednesday, January 4th:** Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, raw carrot curls, fruit cup, or vanilla pudding with topping, milk.

**Thursday, January 5th:** Rotini with hamburger and spaghetti sauce, buttered broccoli cuts, garlic bread, chilled fruit cup, or chocolate brownie, milk.

**Friday, January 6th:** Oven baked fish nuggets, potato puffs with ketchup, niblet corn, ice cream sundae cup, milk.

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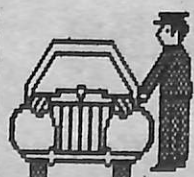
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## Academy Dancers With Berkshire Ballet



STUDENTS FROM THE ACADEMY OF ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE DANCE STUDIOS in Feeding Hills recently performed "The Nutcracker" with the Berkshire Ballet at the Paramount Theatre. Front row, from left - Kimberly Graveline, Danielle Musco, and Neena Giordano. Back row - Lisa Bruno, Erin Pettazzoni, and Terri-Ann Polumbo. Missing: Stacey Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Laughing Brook Center Lists Family Activities For Xmas

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, will be closed Saturday, December 24th, through Monday, December 26th. The sanctuary reopens Tuesday, December 27th with the first of five family programs scheduled for the vacation week. Each hour-long program begins at 2:00 p.m., and is included in the price of sanctuary admission. Pre-registration is not required.

**Tuesday, December 27th, "Owls."** Meet several of our resident owls and learn about the fascinating adaptations of these "flying mousetraps."

**Wednesday, December 28th, "Animals In Winter."** Find out how the animal world copes with the rigors of winter. Look for signs of wildlife and meet one of our resident animals.

**Thursday, December 29th, "Stories With Mother West Wind."** Spend an hour hearing the stories of Thornton Burgess as told by Mother West Wind.

**Friday, December 30th, "The Woods In Winter."** Walk through the sanctuary searching for animal tracks, ice sculptures and, if we're lucky, the perfect snowflake.

**Saturday, December 31st, "Wildlife In New England."** This guided walk will introduce to you the wildlife residents at Laughing Brook with an emphasis on their habits and habitats.

Laughing Brook is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the sanctuary is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, three to 16 and seniors, and free for Massachusetts Audubon members and children under three. For further information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

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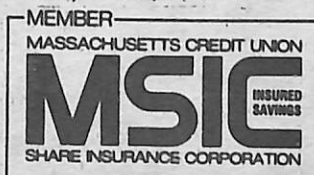
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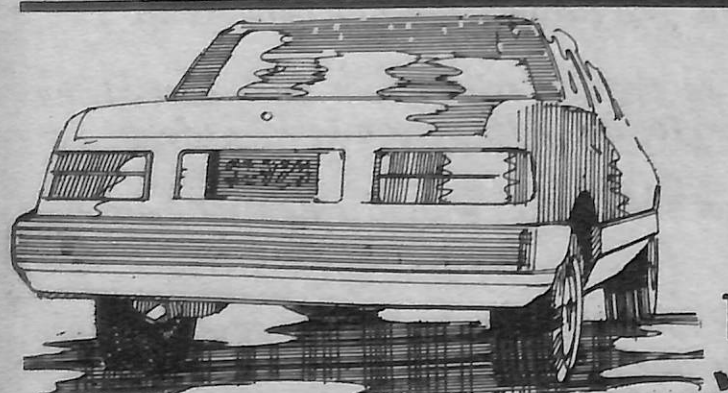
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**WINTER SCHEDULE - From Page 62...****Women's Volleyball And Free Swim:**

**Session:** January 9th to March 27th, 1989 (12 weeks).

**Time:** Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**Program Fee:** \$20 per person (no refunds).

**Instructor:** Willie Fortini.

Third session, April 3rd to June 12th, 1989.

**Men's Recreational Volleyball:**

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun, and competition.

**Session:** January 10th to March 28th, 1989 (12 weeks).

**Time:** Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Robinson Park School.

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**Program Fee:** \$20 per person (no refunds).

**Supervisor:** Peter Parrotta.

**Dance-Aerobics:**

This course is a blend of exercise and dance. It firms and tones the body, exercises the heart and lungs, promotes flexibility, develops rhythm and is pure and simple fun.

**Session:** January 10th/12th to February 28th/March 2nd, 1989 (8 weeks).

**Time:** Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Phelps School Gym (Main Street).

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**Program Fee:** \$35 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$20 per person.

**Instructor:** Sue Chianciola.

Third session, March 14/16 to May 2nd/4th, 1989.

**Men's Basketball League (over 30):**

This basketball league is for any male over 30 years of age. Games will be played on Sunday mornings

beginning in January. For further information, contact Peter Hanson, 786-2355.

**Open Gym:**

**Session:** January 9th/12th to March 27th/30th, 1989.

**Time:** Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam High School Gym.

**Registration:** Not required.

**Fee:** \$2 per person per night (pay the supervisor at the door). Please supply your own basketballs.

**Civic Organization Gym & Swim:**

The Agawam Junior High School Gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$35 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

**Session:** January through May, 1989.

**Time:** Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School gym and pool.

**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**Recreation Swim Schedule:**

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. A lifeguard will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

**Session:** Sundays, January 8th to March 26th, 1989.

**Time:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Session:** Mondays, January 9th to March 27th, 1989.

**Time:** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Agawam Junior High School pool

**Registration:** Not required.

**Pool Fee:** \$1 per person (pay the lifeguard on duty).

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The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs of anyone injured while participating in or watching any of the Parks and Recreation Department programs. Please note: You enter our programs at your own risk.

**Basketball Hall Of Fame  
Open December 26th**

The Basketball Hall of Fame will be open Monday, December 26th, and Monday, January 2nd, according to Executive Director Joe O'Brien.

"It is our policy to be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day," he said.

The world's only Basketball of Fame will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 26th and on January 2nd.

The memorial to the game's inventor, Dr. James Naismith, appears to be heading for a record attendance year. The record of 125,539 was set last year. The facility has attracted 121,954 visitors in the first 11 months of 1988.

**Italian Sporting Club Reelects  
Terry Letellier President**

At the December meeting of the Italian Sporting Club, election of officers for 1988 was held, and Terry Letellier was reelected president; vice president, Carmon Aversa, secretary, Joe Valenti, treasurer, Joe Conte, Jr., and financial secretary, Raldo Malagutti.

The club recently finished complete renovation of the hall and kitchen and voted to continue support to Camp Rainbow in Agawam and their Special Olympics. This is partially due to the success of their First Monday of the Month Chicken Dinners, all you can eat for \$5, and is open to everyone.

This year the Italian Sporting Club has won the divisional playoffs and proudly displays two large trophies.



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**PLEASE REMEMBER** that we **DO NOT** publish next week. Our next edition is Thursday, January 5th. The deadline for this edition is Tuesday, January 3rd, at noontime. Our office will be open next week on a limited basis. Our answering service will be taking calls.

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## Georgetown Fires Past St. Michael To Stay In Tri-Parish League

Like St. Louis did a year ago, Georgetown (1st place-10 wins) continues to dominate the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League.

On the strength of three wins over a much-improved St. Michael team (5th place-7 wins), G-Town showed the rest of the circuit that its Round One runaway was no fluke.

G-Town winners over St. Mike's included CINDY KOZAK (273). "Junale" JIM BURLINGHAM (310), and VI MASSOIA (the former St. A's captain), fired a 308 to defeat ED SCHULTSKI (303).

And in the titanic battle between two bitter rivals, St. Mike's captain STU "The Mad Stork" STORK barely defeated AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO, 338-334. Storkie's teammates put him into too much of a hole going in against a fired-up Moccio, who has raised his Men's AAA Class average to 108.8, good for first place. Storkie is the overall scoring leader at 115.11. Storkie was visibly angry when he left the lanes, and was heard muttering, "I'd better quit."

Moccio continues to enjoy basking in the limelight after last season's disaster.

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Notre Dame (2nd place-9 wins) moved up the ladder with a clean sweep of stunned Loyola (9th place-5 wins), four wins to none.

ND winners included BOB PICKETT (312-big night for him), ESTHER DEPALO (255), and CHERYL PRZESZLO (294). Cheryl defeated none other than

FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO, who continues to serve in the substitute roll. Frankie could only muster a lowly 286. Hey Frankie. Maybe someone will form a league for barbers where you might do better.

In the battle between the captains, STEVE ROVITHIS (306) defeated ND's JOHN RESCIGNO (288) in a rather lackluster match-up. Rovithis needed a least a 100-pin victory to dent the big ND lead.

Fordham used the league's new whipping boy, last year's Grand Champion, St. Louis (11th place-3 wins), to rise into third place (8 wins).

Fordham winners were JOE RESCIGNO (279) and JOHN REILLY (325). In the battle of the captains, substitute LOU MULDER (351) thrashed ANN O'CONNELL of Fordham (275). And where was the famous DEBBIE POIRIER? The secret is now out. Debbie is expecting a baby in February, which explains why she has been in a slump since the season began in September. Debbie promises to be back with a vengeance in the fall of 1989. Until then, Mulder will try to lead St. Lou out of the cellar.

In a split, St. Mary (4th place-8 wins) and Boston College (6th place-7 wins) grabbed two wins each. St. Mary's winners were STELLA BARBIERI (273) and TERRY CERPOVICZ (260). BC winners were JIM

MCNAMEE (289) and captain JOHN O'CONNELL (330). O'Connell needed the 21-pin victory over JOHN PROVOST (309) to enable BC to gain the split.

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Last place Holy Cross (2 wins) continued to sag as Villanova (7th place-5 wins) gained three needed victories. Villanova winners were BARBARA HOWARD (290), "On The Ball" PAUL LAGODITZ (huac 355 pin-fall to defeat BLANCHE SODEN who had a fine 300), and TOM "Timber" BURR (289). HC captain LARRY VIENS saved one win for his team by thrashing RENEE JURY, captain of Villanova. Viens hit a 323.

Getting back to Lagoditz, his 355 was the high triple in Class A for the year (breaking Jim McNamee's mark), and his 147 string was the best so far in that division (Rick Kozak -130).

In the final match of the night, Catholic University (8th place-5 wins) faced struggling St. Anselm (10th place-3 wins). CU winners were DEBBIE GEORGE (262) and JIM SNYDER (294). Snyder defeated TONY KOZAK (272). The two St. A's winners were JEAN BUONICONTI (255) and RICHIE SNYDER (322-best score of this rather dubious match).

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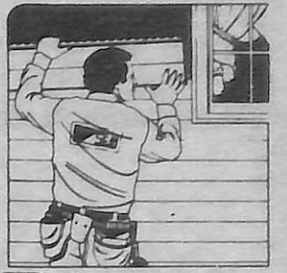
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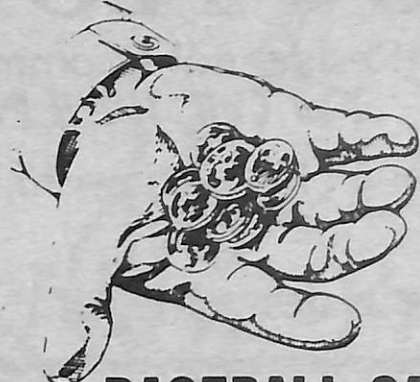
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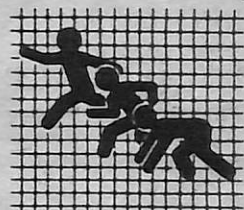
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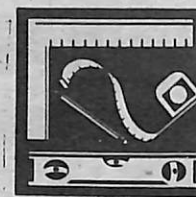
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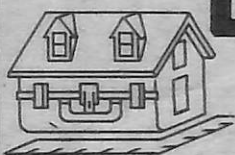
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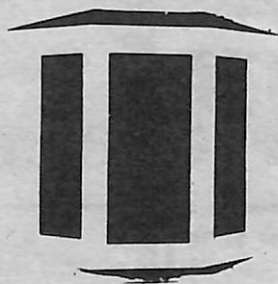
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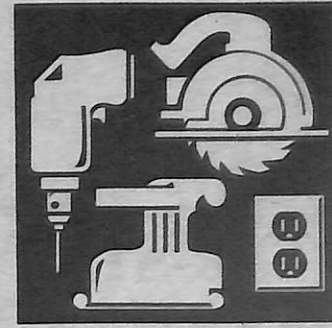
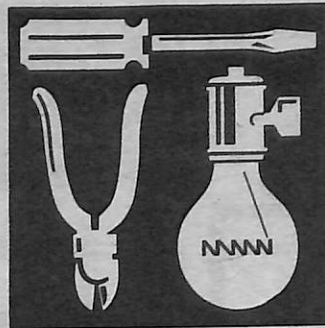
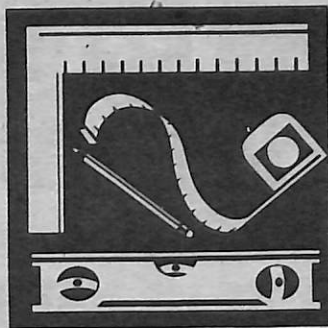
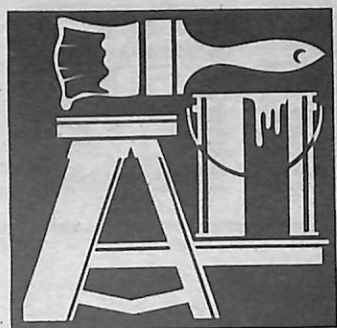
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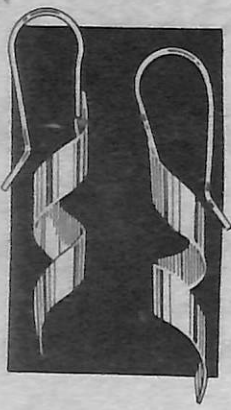
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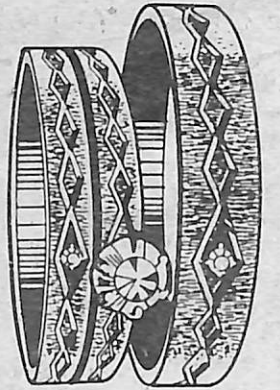
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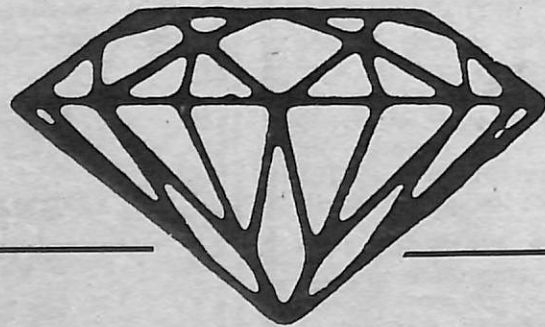


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